



Kinnock and unions in deal to weaken left

Support over reselection is the price of power

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock has forged a deal with the trade unions so that his plans for weakening the influence of the far left on the Labour Party can be put into practice within three months.

The unions are expected to be allowed a continued voice in the selection of Labour's parliamentary candidates in return for their support for Mr Kinnock's plans to give all party members a vote in the process.

Labour's national executive agreed yesterday at its first meeting since the general election on a timetable which should allow the controversial changes to the party's con-

sultation to be passed at the annual party conference in September. But the move will be vehemently opposed by party activists and the price will be a guaranteed percentage of the vote for the unions in each constituency when candidates are selected and MPs re-elected.

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selections will be carried out by an electoral college of the unions and local party members.

Labour's leader is already chosen by an electoral college. The unions had been unhappy about plans to introduce a straight one-member one-vote system because it would have meant that the influence they have exercised over candidate selection through the general management committees of local parties would have vanished.

Both Mr John Evans, who chaired the internal working party on constitutional changes, and Mr Larry Whitty, the general secretary, said that the system remained an option along with the plan for an electoral college. Mr Evans said that he would be happy with either.

But it emerged later that Mr Kinnock, who spoke, as he has always done, of widening the franchise rather than one-member one-vote, favoured an electoral college that would enable the choice of candidates to be taken out of the hands of often unrepresentative cliques on general management committees, while giving the unions their traditional influence and continuing link with the Labour Party at local level.

Under the plan party members will either cast their votes by postal ballot, a move strongly criticized again yesterday by Mr Ken Livingstone, or by using ballot boxes at branch meetings.

The details have yet to be worked out but it is expected that trade unions will exert as much influence on each general management committee as they do today.

Union members paying the political levy to the Labour Party would take part in making decisions at meetings of their union branches.

The changes will be complex but Mr Evans and Mr Whitty said that the new rules would be adopted at this year's conference, well in time for the next round of reselection faced by MPs.

The national executive conducted a two-hour preliminary inquest on the election defeat and was in general agreement that the campaign had been well fought by Labour but that the party must now broaden its appeal.

To that end it was agreed that the national executive and the shadow cabinet should meet for a weekend summit in November to reassess the party's values and strategy as the first step of its planning for the next general election.

The inquest was said by participants later to have been frank and constructive. Mr Michael Meacher, a noted left winger, spoke of the need for Labour to break out of its traditional class base by appealing to newly skilled workers, people who owned their own homes and people who were not members of trade unions.

Members criticized the party for not being effective enough in putting across its position on some issues, particularly over the party's taxation plans which dogged Labour during the latter days of the campaign.

The executive was told that economics would be needed to help the party out of its serious financial position, which has worsened because of the election. Redundancies are not ruled out.

Kremlin set to free hundreds

From Christopher Walker Moscow

Several hundred prisoners held for political and religious offences may be freed over the next six months under an amnesty to mark October's 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution, the chief Kremlin spokesman said yesterday.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov made clear that prisoners convicted under four separate articles of the Soviet penal code covering political and religious offences would be able to benefit from the amnesty, in addition to ordinary criminals.

Although the Soviet authorities have provided no official figures, Western diplomatic sources estimate that between 500 and 1,000 prisoners regarded in the West as dissidents may qualify for release under the controversial new amnesty, but it was emphasized that it was unclear how many would secure their freedom in practice.

The terms of the new amnesty were originally announced in the official Soviet press late last week, but it was not until persistent questions were asked by Western correspondents that it emerged it would differ radically from amnesties announced to mark earlier anniversaries of the 1917 revolution, which specifically excluded those convicted of dissident offences. Gulag amnesty, page 8

SDP MPs oppose Alliance merger

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Relations between the Liberal Party and the SDP sank to a new low yesterday as the SDP MPs effectively recommended that their party's 60,000 members reject a full merger with the Liberals and opt for some kind of federal structure between the two parties under a single leader.

Leading Liberals retaliated immediately by saying that the proposals made by the Dr David Owen's four SDP parliamentary colleagues with his backing, were unworkable and would not convince the public or withstand the pressures of daily political life.

Senior figures in both parties are now seriously concerned for the future of the Alliance as the wrangling grows increasingly bitter.

The Liberals, and SDP supporters of a full merger between the parties, were angry yesterday with what they regard as the loaded question which the SDP MPs are recommending should be put to their party members.

Dr Owen and his MPs are equally angry at what they regard as the attempt by the Liberals, with the support of

Mr Roy Jenkins, Mrs Shirley Williams and Mr Bill Rodgers, to bounce them into a merger.

The motion to be tabled for the SDP National Committee on Monday by Mr John Cartwright, Mr Robert MacLennan, Mr Charles Kennedy and Mrs Rosie Barnes will ask the committee to say that it is not reasonable for the SDP to be presented with a straight choice between merger and separation of the two Alliance parties - precisely the choice which Mr David Aton, the Liberal Chief Whip, has been outlining with the support of Mr David Steel.

The resolution backed by the four SDP MPs proposes an immediate ballot of party members.

The ballot paper proposed would ask them "1: Do you want the National Committee to negotiate a closer constitutional framework for the Alliance which preserves the identity of the SDP as a separate party?" or "2: Do you want the National Committee to seek a total merger of the SDP with the Liberal Party

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Samir Ibrahim, aged eight (left), and Bilal Shabih, aged seven, who were rescued from a Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon through the efforts of Dr Pauline Cutting and Jimmy Savile, at Stoke Mandeville Hospital yesterday. They had both been paralysed after being shot through the spine. (Photograph: Stephen Markeson)

Child specialist defends Cleveland decisions

By Peter Davenport

The doctor at the centre of the controversy surrounding a huge increase in cases of alleged sexual abuse of children by their parents in Cleveland last night defended her actions.

Dr Marietta Higgs, a consultant paediatrician at the Middlesbrough General Hospital, was speaking as social services officials announced a five-point emergency package of new measures to cope with the sudden upsurge in cases which were "stretching resources to the limit".

It was also disclosed last night that a further five children had been put under place of safety orders and taken from their families in the last 24 hours bringing the total to 202 since May. Last year the total was only 30.

Dr Higgs, aged 38, and a mother of five children, said: "It is important to realize that the children who have been taken into care this year are from the whole of Cleveland and not just the South Tees district and relate to all forms of child abuse including physical and emotional as well as sexual."

"Cases are referred to paediatricians in hospital from a number of different sources including general practitioners and social workers."

"As a general paediatrician who is dealing with a variety of children's health problems I am very well aware of the gravity of the consequences of

making a diagnosis of child abuse and I can give an absolute assurance that it is done in the utmost professional manner.

"If I have any doubts I seek a second opinion. I have developed an expertise in the field of child abuse which is a very serious and common childhood problem.

"As a mother of five children myself I think it is

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probably one of the major health problems we face in child health in this country at the moment.

"We have previously not been very good at detecting this problem but the incidence is estimated nationally to be one child in 10.

"There is increased public anxiety and awareness of the



Dr Marietta Higgs, consultant paediatrician at the Middlesbrough General Hospital, defended her actions last night. (Photograph: Stephen Markeson)

problem and we should accept that child sexual abuse does exist and on a wide scale.

"The aim is to offer children who suffer abuse, and their families, appropriate professional help so they can return as normal, healthy children to their families."

Most of the place of safety orders were obtained after the children made routine visits to the Middlesbrough General Hospital and were examined by Dr Higgs, who began work at the hospital in February, and a colleague, Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, who has been at the hospital since 1984.

Both doctors were yesterday seen by senior officials of the Northern Regional Health Authority, based in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, which is their employing authority.

Dr Wyatt declined to make any comment on the cases. Yesterday, Mr Michael Bishop, director of Cleveland social services, said that his task was to protect children and if he was presented with a diagnosis of possible sexual abuse he had to act on that diagnosis.

Asked why there should be this sudden increase in such a short period, he said that expertise in diagnosing such problems had improved.

"Maybe we are uncaring a problem that has existed for many, many years."

Mr Bishop said that the increase in cases was stretch-

Air strike chaos for thousands

By Harvey Elliott Air Correspondent

Europe's air services face chaos today as French air traffic controllers start a 24-hour strike.

Thousands of British passengers will be flown to airports in other European countries and taken by bus to their destinations in France, while others whose normal routes would have taken them through French air space will face huge delays or be re-routed around France.

British Airways, which has eight flights to Paris, one to Nice and one to Lyons scheduled, has given up all attempts to fly direct, and will instead take passengers to Brussels, Genoa and Geneva respectively and then ferry them in a fleet of coaches to their original destinations.

The airline also has 37 flights scheduled to overfly France to European destinations, and a further four long-haul flights which should cross French air space.

French authorities have told British airlines that they may be able to accept 50 per cent of the normal through traffic, but this will depend on how many controllers ignore the strike call, and whether management teams can cope effectively.

They also say that they may be able to handle 15 arrivals and departures into French airports all day. These are bound to be reserved for long-Continued on page 22, col 5

Pubs to be given 12-hour opening

By Martin Fletcher Political Reporter

Pubs are eventually to be allowed to open from 11am to 11pm on every day except Sundays, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, indicated for the first time yesterday.

Mr Hurd, speaking in advance of today's Queen's Speech, which will include a bill fulfilling the Tories' manifesto commitment to relax what he called "outdated" licensing hours, said that the exact form of the legislation had yet to be finalized. But 12-hour opening was the Government's plan.

The proposal will almost certainly bring opposition from medical and temperance organizations and some of the Government's own backbenchers. Anticipating this, Mr Hurd promised to examine the need for stricter curbs on under-age drinking and for a government campaign to discourage alcohol abuse. He also stressed that Sunday drinking laws will remain unchanged.

Mr Hurd promised safeguards such as empowering local magistrates to reduce opening times at particular pubs if drinkers disturb those who live nearby.

The British Medical Association quickly made known its opposition to the Government's plans, saying that liberalization could exacerbate the increasing incidence of alcoholism. The BMA called for more research before the law was changed.

Opposition to the Government's proposals was also made yesterday by the Churches Council on Alcohol and Drugs, Dr Douglas Acres, the council's chairman, said: "We very much resist the idea of an increase in licensing hours."

"There is no doubt in our mind that the degree of harm in any society is closely related to total consumption by any individual."

Sir Bernard Braine, the most senior Tory MP and one of those who last May talked out a private member's bill to relax opening hours, warned that he would oppose the Bill unless there were safeguards against alcohol abuse.

Mr Hurd, addressing a Press Association lunch, said that the Government's plans would extend consumer choice and remove a substantial fetter on the tourist industry, thereby creating, according to British Tourist Authority estimates, up to 50,000 new jobs.

He described the present licensing legislation, based on the need to keep munitions workers out of pubs during the First World War, as an outdated anomaly.

Syria fails to get American freed

From Robert Fisk, west Beirut

It was a very Lebanese solution, a matter of statistics: two Lebanese hostages released, one American held. Mr Ali Ossseiran walked to freedom yesterday along with his driver, but Mr Charles Glass, the American journalist whose abduction has become a test of Syria's intentions in west Beirut, remained a captive. It was as simple as that.

Joyful relatives of Mr Ossseiran, the son of the Shia Muslim Defence Minister, greeted him at his villa in Sidon with tearful embraces and kisses but it was evident that Syria was not prepared to risk its relationship with Iran over the fate of yet another Western journalist.

To all intents and purposes, Mr Glass, who was kidnapped with Mr Ossseiran in his car in the Qusaib suburb of Beirut a week ago, has joined the 25 other missing Westerners in Lebanon, his location and the

demands of his kidnappers unknown.

It was a sad, depressing end to the efforts of the past 48 hours in which Lebanese Muslim politicians and Syrian officers had done their best to secure Mr Glass's freedom along with Mr Ossseiran's.

The release of Mr Ossseiran and his chauffeur may have been a compromise worked out by the kidnappers with the Syrians.

With the Syrians thus unable to guarantee the safety of Westerners in the Muslim sector of Beirut, the moral argument supporting Syria's military intervention here begins to disintegrate.

Mr Ossseiran appeared briefly on the balcony of his family home at Rmeile, south of Beirut, during the morning, but evinced ignorance of Mr Glass's whereabouts.

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Sterling jumps 1.6 cents

By David Smith Economics Correspondent

The City recovered its nerve yesterday, helped by a stronger performance from the pound. Shares and government stocks rose as confidence returned.

The pound rose by 1.6 cents to \$1.6165 and the sterling index rose by 0.6 points to 72.3. Dealers said the attention of the markets was taken up with a fall in the dollar and earlier concern on inflation and a worsening balance of payments in Britain faded.

The FT 30-share index rose by 21.8 points to 1,773.4, with suggestions of some share buying from Japan. Government stocks rose by about half a point as the Bank of England sold the remaining supplies of its £1 billion tap stock, Treasury 8 per cent 2002/06.

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Game that set Man Friday on a road to success

By Mark Ellis

Old Harrovian Erik Feldman attributes his business acumen to the success of his first venture launched with the money he won in the first Portfolio Gold competition in The Times three years ago today.

Since the Harrow School pupil, then aged 17, celebrated his £2,000 win by sitting his A level English paper, 1,895 other winners have shared £4,928,000.

After leaving school Mr Feldman invested most of his Portfolio prize money in starting a small company, Man Friday, specializing in odd jobs and chores. The venture was a success and only stopped trading when Mr Feldman and his partner, a fellow Old Harrovian, went on to further education.

Mr Feldman, now aged 20, is in his

Portfolio Gold

● The £2,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition was shared yesterday by two readers. Details, page 3. Portfolio list, page 27.

second year reading classical history at Lake Forest College in Illinois, but hopes to make business his career.

Mr Sander Feldman, an American businessman based in London, said his son Erik had learnt a lot from his Portfolio win. "The business he set up with a friend helped him to buy a car and to keep himself in London before going on to further study.

"The business acumen he acquired

will be useful because although he enjoys classical history, I am not certain he can make a living from it. I think he will eventually use his talent for management to look after my insecticide and coal interests in India.

The appeal of the fluctuating share prices and checking the movements of the market has not deserted Erik. He is now hoping to swap his summer vacation job in an ice factory on Rhode Island for one with a firm of stockbrokers.

Many other winners said they had followed the initiative of Mr Feldman by investing and using their prizes to make more money, while quality newspapers all around the world have followed the lead set by The Times and introduced up-market com-

petitions based on share prices. Europrint, a promotional games company based in Blackburn, Lancashire, devised the Portfolio competition.

The managing director, Mr Barry Kilby, said yesterday: "We did not know how games would be accepted by readers of an up-market newspaper, but 200,000 have applied for competition cards and it is like a private club with people enjoying playing."

Portfolio has cut across the generation gap and social barriers. Biggest prize winners to date, who each collected £40,000, were Mr Richard Hodgson, of south-west London, Mrs Gail Forbes, of Croydon, Surrey, and Mrs Maureen Cartwright, of Birmingham.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Tinpot dictators gibe at union

The electricians' union last night accused the leadership of Britain's third biggest union of "using the language and practice of tinpot and petty dictatorship".

Jaguar pilot killed

An RAF instructor, Flight Lieutenant Ian Hill, was killed yesterday after his Jaguar fighter went out of control and crashed to the ground during a training flight from RAF Chivenor in Devon.

Fines are dropped Murder by IRA

The National Union of Journalists Appeals Tribunal yesterday dismissed fines of £1,000 levied against 21 Sunday Times journalists for working during the Wapping dispute.

Thatcher aide

Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday appointed Mr Archie Hamilton, the junior minister responsible for defence procurement, to be her parliamentary private secretary.



M15 ruling delayed

Three newspapers which published information other newspapers had been banned from publishing must wait to know if they are to face criminal contempt charges.

US accused of coercion over 'research killing'

Iceland threat at whaling meeting

By Andrew Morgan

A serious confrontation marred the thirty-ninth meeting of the International Whaling Commission in Bournemouth, Dorset yesterday with Iceland threatening to leave the group and accusing the United States of coercion.

commission does not uphold the resolution, it will be abrogating its responsibility to the moratorium on commercial whaling.

Soundings last night suggest that the resolution will be passed today, with dissent from the whaling nations as well as Brazil and Chile.

Sir Peter Scott, the conservationist and a British delegate said: "I think the American resolution will not have cut a great deal of ice but it seems about as far as we are going to get this year."

The commission's moratorium on commercial whaling came into effect on January 1 last year. However, Norway, Japan, Iceland, and South Korea still kill hundreds of whales by exploiting a loophole in the Whaling Convention authorizing the killing of whales for scientific purposes.

Union uproar as Militants clash with moderates

By Roland Rudd

The Civil and Public Services Association was in disarray last night after Militant supporters were involved in a head-on clash with moderates who have refused to support the national executive's call for a ballot on an all-out strike.

CPSA moderates were furious after Mr John Macrae, the union's deputy general secretary, a Militant supporter, displaced the veteran right-winger, Mrs Kate Losinska, from her seat on the TUC's General Council.

In a thinly veiled attack on the moderate general secretary, Mr Macrae warned all executive members that it was their job to implement the union's policy, but he fell short of calling for a vote of censure on Mr Ellis, which some Militant members are now demanding.

However, the general secretary yesterday made it clear that he had no intention of taking his orders from the Militant-controlled executive and said he would remain independent and "sweat it out".

"The combination of the Treasury's imposed pay offer



Mr David Mitchell, Minister of State for Transport, welcoming his son, Andrew, as a fellow Conservative MP to Westminster yesterday. They are the only father and son in the Commons (Photograph: Alan Weller).

Cancer gas check on 3,000 homes

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

Three thousand homes are to be monitored for a year to detect and measure the radon gas, radon. The purpose is to find houses in which radon seeping up from the ground could pose a risk of lung cancer.

From next week, selected households in Devon and Cornwall will be asked by local environmental health officers to install specially-designed detectors.

The areas in which houses should be monitored were identified by an investigation completed earlier this year by scientists at the National Radiological Protection Board. The research indicated that between 800 and 900 deaths from lung cancer in Britain each year were caused by radon.

High levels were also observed in Somerset, the Derbyshire Peak District, Northampton, Chryd, West Yorkshire, Shropshire and Gloucestershire. Requests from people in these areas who want to be screened will be considered by the board.

Recent experiments by the protection board and the Building Research Establishment have shown the difficulty of excluding radon.

SDP faces snub in peers list

By Sheila Gann, Political Staff

Mrs Thatcher is expected to snub the Alliance again by putting forward the name of only one former Liberal MP between the two parties for the dissolution honours list.

The traditional elevation to the peerage of former MPs, due to be announced in mid July, is likely to include some eight Conservatives, seven or eight former Labour ministers, one Liberal, one Ulster Unionist — but no SDP member.

Westminster sources now doubt that Mr Roy Jenkins will be nominated; it is thought that he may have to wait for the New Year's honours list before receiving his life peerage.

Climbdown ends poll threat

By Richard Ford

The threat of an immediate general election in the Irish Republic ended last night with a humiliating climbdown by the main opposition party.

As tens of thousands of workers protested across the country about cutbacks in the health service, the Fine Gael party was forced to find a face-saving formula to prevent the defeat of Mr Charles Haughey's minority government and a general election on July 15.

Fine Gael had pledged to join all other opponents of Fianna Fail in the Dail in voting against health service

estimates but as the prospect of a general election loomed party strategists sought a way out of the dilemma they had placed themselves in.

Mr Alan Dukes, the Fine Gael leader, had a meeting with the prime minister and reached agreement on the face-saving formula, which involved a commission on the funding of the health service making recommendations on cuts within the limit of the government's budget.

Mr Dukes then announced that his party would abstain in the crucial vote, ensuring victory for the government. Fine Gael had feared that in a general election for which it was not prepared, it would lose more seats and be portrayed as opportunistic; since the government came into office, it has broadly supported its budgetary strategy.

The reversal of its position is a coup for Mr Haughey and a considerable blow to the position of Fine Gael's new leader, Mr Dukes.

As the climbdown was taking place in the corridors of Leinster House, thousands of workers gathered outside the Dail to protest at cutbacks in the health service

With the Government assured of an overall majority in the Commons the peers will have a decisive influence during the next session in scrutinizing controversial legislation. The Prime Minister is faced with a deluge of former high-ranking Conservatives with their eyes on the upper Chamber.

Sir Keith Joseph, Sir Humphrey Atkins and Mr Peter Rees are all expected to be nominated.

Sir James Callaghan is Labour's leading contender. Mr Stephen Ross, the retired MP for the Isle of Wight, is likely to be Mr David Steel's first choice.

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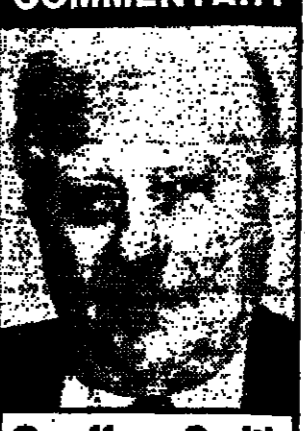
Cost cuts ordered to save BAe jobs

By Ronald Faxn Employment Affairs Correspondent

Department heads at British Aerospace are being asked to find ways to cut costs and increase productivity in spite of the record £942 million order for its Quiet Trader jet freighter.

No immediate redundancies are expected among the 20,000 workers in the civil aircraft division, but Sir Raymond Lygo, chief executive, has made it clear to trade unions that, unless sales are

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

It is always astonishing how politicians can tear each other apart in the name of brotherhood. All sides in the SDP are supposed to want closer links with the Liberals. But because they cannot agree how close, the Social Democrats are quarrelling more bitterly among themselves than ever before.

Whatever their future relationship may be with the Liberals, one begins to wonder if they can continue to work with each other.

The SDP MPs — the other four acting obviously with the approval of Dr Owen — proposed yesterday that there should be a consultative ballot of all members. This would determine whether there should be a full merger with the Liberals or whether there should simply be a closer constitutional framework for the Alliance, preserving the identity of the SDP as a separate party.

The phrasing proposed for the question on merger was clearly loaded, and not surprisingly brought a swift counter-proposal from Mrs Shirley Williams. To describe a merger as involving the abolition of the SDP without mentioning that it would also involve the abolition of the Liberal Party encourages the impression of a Liberal takeover.

If the question is put in that form it will be positively misleading and no credit to a party that talks so much about fair voting procedures. As Mr Robert MacLennan, who drafted the proposal, refused to give ground to Mrs Williams, that issue will presumably have to be thrashed out at Monday's meeting of the SDP national committee.

The suggestion that the committee should also then recommend unequivocally that the SDP should keep its own identity was bound to be contentious especially when the committee is known to be so deeply split. Nothing is going to stop the leaders making their views known to the membership, however, no matter how it is done.

But beyond questions of procedure or sharp practice, whichever way one cares to put it, is there still any point of real substance dividing the SDP? I believe that there is one illusion and one critical issue.

Many Social Democrats are justifiably offended by the Liberals' loose procedures, with no proper register of membership and with the party conference in effect open to any member who bothers to turn up. But it is an illusion to suppose that that would be a stumbling block in negotiations with the Liberals.

All the senior Liberals with whom I have discussed the issue are eager to tighten up their own arrangements. They would like nothing better than to be forced by the SDP to do what they want to do anyway.

Now that there is agreement throughout the SDP on having a single leader for the Alliance, and as it is already the practice to fight elections on a common programme, the critical question to my mind is how that policy should be made. The SDP MPs yesterday suggested the idea of a joint policy committee of equal membership to develop a common programme for future elections. But that would simply perpetuate the existing practice whereby the two parties negotiate a compromise between policies that have separate origins.

That was the procedure that produced the soggy manifesto on which the Alliance fought this last election. It is an arrangement that requires differences to be reconciled rather than hard choices to be made.

So there is the paradox that in order to safeguard the clarity of their own position Dr Owen and his associates are fighting for arrangements that almost require, well, fudge and mudge.

If the Alliance is to have the cutting edge that Dr Owen has always rightly wanted, it will need a single policymaking structure in which conflicting arguments can be fought out, not always reconciled.

If there are separate annual conferences there will always be the danger of further East-bourne, with one party going one way and the other in a different direction. That is a prescription for confusion not for making policy seriously.

Correction

Mr Enoch Powell points out that, contrary to the statement in an Election '87 report on June 8 that when he "urged the electorate to support Labour" in 1974 he was "then still a Tory MP", he was not then an MP or a parliamentary candidate, nor was he any longer a member of the Conservative Party.

Court medical in child

Tenants move on damp falls

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Court conflict over medical evidence in child abuse case

By Craig Seton

One of the consultants associated with the issue of child abuse in Middlesbrough and the director of a clinic specializing in treating sexual assaults on children clashed yesterday over medical evidence that resulted in a girl aged five being taken from her parents.

Middlesbrough Juvenile Court was considering the future of the girl who, it was alleged, had been sexually abused.

The court was considering an application by Cleveland Social Services for an extension to its interim place of safety order made on June 12 after she had been examined at Middlesbrough General Hospital by Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, who works with Dr Marietta Higgs.

The order was made on the grounds that the girl was in moral danger because her health and development had been neglected. Her parents, who are separated, were at yesterday's hearing to oppose the order and apply for the return of their daughter.

Dr Wyatt told the court that he had examined the girl when she was admitted with her mother. He had been told that the child had fallen on a toy but he found an injury to the left labia and a condition he referred to as reflex anal dilatation.

"I spoke to the parents and told them I thought the diagnosis of sexual abuse was established and they were clearly very upset."

He said that the reflex dilatation, the opening of the anus under certain conditions during examination, had been caused by penetration.

He told the court that he knew of no other cause other than sexual abuse for that condition.

But Dr Raine Roberts, the clinical director of a sexual assault referral centre at St Mary's Hospital, Manchester, disagreed.

Dr Roberts, a police surgeon for more than 20 years,

Children's organizations yesterday called for new guidelines on child sex abuse to be issued to education authorities, social services departments and health authorities.

Dr Ronald Davie, director of the National Children's Bureau, said the Cleveland cases underlined the need for clear information on both the detection and handling of child sex abuse.

If there was indisputable medical evidence of sexual abuse, social services departments were faced with only two options: removing the child to a safer environment or removing the person alleged to have committed the offence.

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children emphasized that as professional awareness of child abuse increased more cases were coming to light.

last year examined 160 children alleged to have been sexually abused and also examined the girl in question on Tuesday.

She said: "Taken as an isolated finding I would dispute the reflex anal dilatation is ever enough to make a diagnosis of sexual abuse".

It was only one fact which

should be taken into account along with a general picture of the child's psychological background, further interviews and talks with the family.

"It is not accepted by forensic physicians, reputable police surgeons or paediatric surgeons. It is purely a small number of paediatricians who accept it as incontrovertible evidence."

She had found no evidence of penetration and, when she spoke to the child, the girl had expressed considerable warmth towards both her mother and father.

She said the condition could have happened when the child was being examined by Dr Wyatt because she was tense and that the dilatation came about when she relaxed.

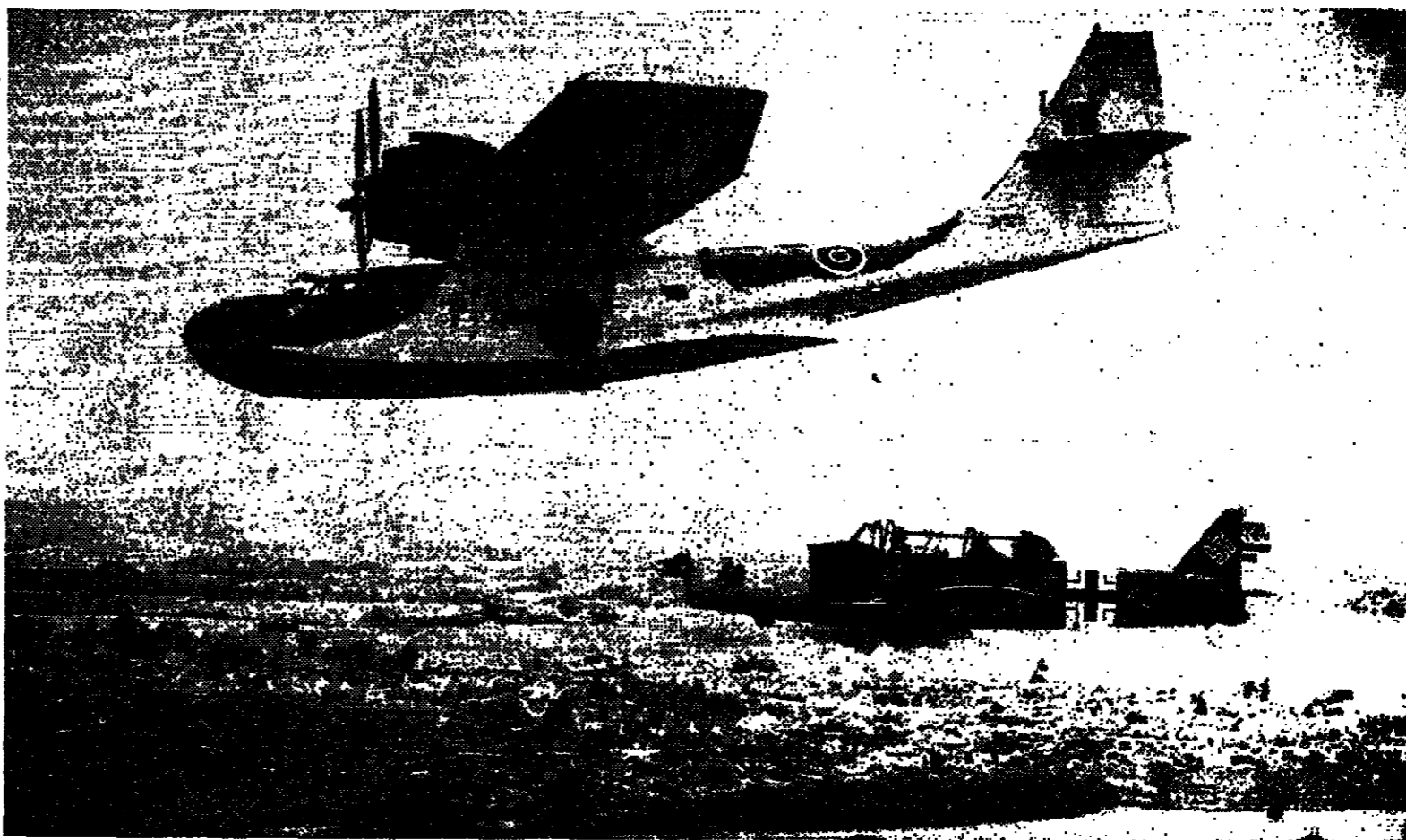
"It is very unfortunate what has happened over the past 12 months because of this point of view which has been put forward, particularly by two doctors from Leeds. Most people working in the field would not support the views which some paediatricians are putting forward. There is a strong difference of professional opinion."

Dr Roberts said she was satisfied that the child should go back to her mother and that the father should have access. "I have no reason to suppose that the child has been sexually abused."

Outside the court Dr Roberts said: "We are all concerned about children who are sexually abused, but we must base this on sound principles of medicine. You do not make a spot diagnosis on the basis of one examination."

The case continues today. Elusive truth, page 12

Airborne ancients put in practice for a fly-past



A Catalina amphibious aircraft and a sheep in wolf's clothing, a Swiss Pilatus painted to resemble a Messerschmitt, fly above North Weald airfield, Essex in a rehearsal for battle sequences at the two-day Fighter meet this weekend. Other aircraft expected at the Second World War air base for the fourth meet are the Spitfire, Hurricane and Flying Fortress B17 as well as modern jets including the Tornado and Harrier (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Companies conceal frauds

By Michael Horswell

Almost half the main companies in the United Kingdom have been victims of a fraud worth more than £50,000, but 61.5 per cent do not tell the police because of the damage threatened by publicity.

Three-quarters of the frauds were committed by employees. This was disclosed by the 56 companies prepared to supply statistics for a survey, published yesterday, and sponsored by the Home Office and the Police Foundation.

which was carried out by Arthur Young, the international accountancy and consultancy firm.

The figures confirm a cautious Home Office estimate of the annual loss by business through corporate fraud as £1 billion, equivalent to twice the combined cost of burglaries, thefts and robberies.

Directors and partners account for 9.7 per cent of those committing fraud, man-

agers for 29 per cent, accounts staff 19.4 per cent, sales and shopfloor persons 12.9 per cent, distributors and drivers 6.5 per cent, computer operators 3.2 per cent and others 19.3 per cent.

The largest category was cheque and credit card fraud (23.8 per cent) followed by expenses embezzlement (19 per cent).

Internal frauds were often in collusion with suppliers.

Portfolio Gold - Finance for car hobby

Two winners share the Portfolio Gold competition prize of £4,000 and one intends to spend the windfall on building a replica of a 1930s motor car. Mr Paul Buckle, aged 32, an executive officer in the county courts, of Pike Parade Lane, Richmond, North Yorkshire, said he is building the car from a kit and the money would go on parts and fittings. Mr Buckle, a regular reader of *The Times*, has played the

competition since it started. Mr Graham Postles, aged 29, of Savoy Close, Harborne, Birmingham, has also played the competition since it started. He will spend his money on home improvements and a holiday. Readers can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to: Portfolio Gold, *The Times*, Blackburn, BB1 6AJ.

Tenants' move on damp fails

A ruling by a magistrate which could have forced Birmingham council to spend hundreds of millions of pounds on alleviating damp in its 400 blocks of high rise flats was overturned in the High Court yesterday.

Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Kennedy ruled that a Birmingham stipendiary magistrate, Mr William Probert, had acted unlawfully in making a nuisance order at the request of council tenants last year which required the council to carry out repairs on the whole of the nine-storey Beale House, Cawdor Crescent, Ladywood.

Only 16 of the 52 dwellings in the block were affected by condensation and mould growths.

The judges decided it was up to individual tenants to seek separate orders. Lord Justice Watkins said the making of such an order could heavily strain a local authority's finances and disrupt its housing department's programme for years to come, but if orders were made only in individual cases, the effect on finances was likely to be negligible.

He said some flats might not need treatment and some tenants might not want their flats treated. To make a penal order covering a whole block might well be inappropriate and cause an unwarranted burden on a local authority.

It was for a housing authority to decide when refurbishment of a large block was to be carried out. If individual flats got into such a state as to constitute a nuisance then the individual could seek an order.

Mr Philip Shiner, of the Birmingham Council Estates Project, said that the decision affected four other blocks of flats, where 98 tenants must each take individual action against the council.

The tenants are considering an appeal. Law Report, page 40

Wife wins claim on noise disability

By Jonathan Brande

A British woman so sensitive to noise that she cannot vacuum clean her home has won the legal right to a disability allowance, in an important European Court case against the British Government.

In a ruling that could help thousands of British housewives denied a pension until now, the Luxembourg-based European Court of Justice has ruled she must have the same entitlements as a man.

Mrs Jean Borrie Clarke, aged 50, suffers from Meniere's disease, an affliction that causes dizzy spells when she hears the loud noises made by the vacuum cleaner or the spin-dryer. But, in spite of her disabilities, the former school cleaner was refused an invalidity pension in 1983, because the Social Security commissioner believed she was capable of performing basic household tasks.

Under the old non-contributory pension scheme, a man or an unmarried

woman would not have been disqualified on the same grounds.

New rules, brought in during 1984 to comply with European Community laws forbidding sexual discrimination, should entitle Mrs Clarke to the severe disablement allowance. But she has received no pension because the Government has continued to assess her case under the conditions that applied in 1983.

In yesterday's judgement, the court rejected the Government's case that Mrs Clarke should not qualify for benefits because she applied before the new non-discriminatory legislation came into force.

Mr John Clarke, her husband, said at the family home in Broadstairs, Kent: "We still haven't heard anything from our representatives at the hearing. We don't know if the British Government will honour the findings. Law Report, page 40

Army chef cleared of making recruit deaf

An Army chef was cleared yesterday of making a young recruit deaf in one ear by slapping him for eating in the wrong mess during a royal visit.

The incident happened when the Queen was opening the Sir John Moore barracks at Winchester, Hampshire, where Junior Rifeman Richard Howard, aged 17, had begun training 10 days before.

Warrant Officer John Cresswell, an instructor at the Army School of Catering, had been seconded from Aldershot to help to prepare a lunch.

A court martial at Aldershot was told that Rifeman Howard had been sent to an officers' mess tent to have lunch after spending the morning on fatigue duties. But as he stood munching

biscuits a warrant officer came up behind him and slapped him over the ear, demanding to know why he was eating.

The court was told that Rifeman Howard and another recruit later identified Mr Cresswell as the assailant.

But after hearing that a third recruit who witnessed the incident thought Mr Cresswell was the wrong man, and that none of the witnesses could agree on the colour of the mess kit the warrant officer involved was wearing, Mr Cresswell was found not guilty of causing grievous bodily harm.

Afterwards the recruit's father, Mr Christopher Howard, said: "My son faces a medical in two weeks to decide whether he can carry on with his career".

Navigation aids

Lighthouses under threat

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Many of England's most famous lighthouses could be closed if the Department of Transport accepts the conclusions of a study sent to it yesterday.

The study deals with navigation along the south coast and up to the Thames estuary and concludes that modern navigational aids make many lighthouses and beacons redundant.

Among the lighthouses which it says are not needed are the Needles, Portland Bill, Beachy Head and Dungeness.

But yachtsmen, many of whom do not have electronic navigational systems and still have to rely on traditional visual aids, would be likely to protest if the department acted

on the report. There is still no legal requirement for ships of less than 500 gross registered tons to carry radar.

The report was prepared by Dr John Strange for the Lights Advisory Committee, which represents the shipping and ports industry, and says that ships fitted with modern electronic position-fixing equipment, navigate in a safer and more reliable manner with the minimum use of traditional aids.

Its publication will be seen as a continuation of the battle between the industry and the Department of Transport over who should pay for navigational aids.

Light dues, as the charges

are called, were increased by 14 per cent in April in the face of opposition from the shipping and ports industry, which claims that it pays about £46 million of the total cost of £60 million for the navigational aids.

About half of the increase was attributed to the lighthouse authorities taking over the cost of managing Decca Navigator transmitters.

Yesterday Mr Stewart Conacher, secretary of the Lights Advisory Committee, said: "We say that the traditional aids which are provided are of no use to us. Government policy is that the user should pay but it makes no attempt to ensure that they should do so in this case."

Mozambique's had enough of everything but help.

It seems everything that could go wrong in Mozambique, has. War and natural disaster has meant that people have been made homeless. Many are even forced to scavenge for food in the bush. In all, around five million are at risk. Given money for food, clothing, seeds, tools and medicine, we can help them rebuild their country, and their lives. Please give what you can. Before it's too late.

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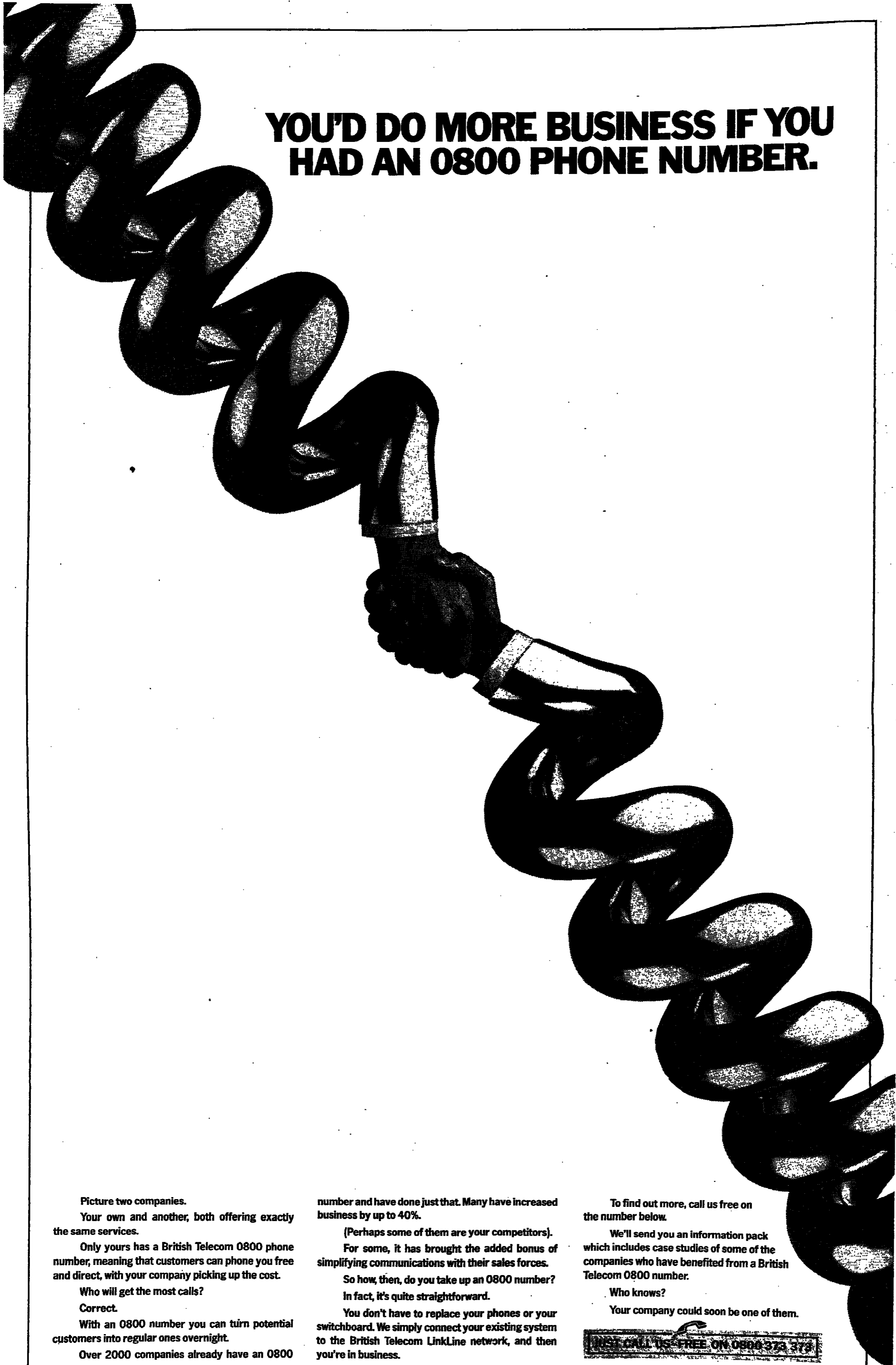
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Police drive to help battered wives has frosty reception

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A new deal for battered wives announced yesterday by Scotland Yard...

The organizations approve many of the police reforms but Chiswick Family Rescue, which takes victims from all over the country...

And the London regional office of Women's Aid fears that if proceedings are started against a violent husband...

The Yard said: "Criminal proceedings may now be started against the violent party even when the victim is reluctant to pursue the matter to court..."

Such action would come under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act which provides the opportunity to compel a spouse to give evidence.

But the Yard, which handles an estimated 1,000 calls about domestic violence each week, says such a prosecution would be unlikely if it was felt to be detrimental to the victim.

Commander Walter Boreham, of the community involvement branch, said that

where evidence of criminal assault was available officers would be expected to charge offenders rather than the victims taking action themselves...

Charging of offenders was a matter for the police. Prosecution was in the hands of the crown prosecution service.

Miss Diane Ridley, for the London regional office of Women's Aid, said they did not believe that criminal proceedings should be started against a husband if the wife did not wish it.

If she was living in the same home, then taking criminal action without an escape route would be likely to encourage reprisals from the husband.

Scotland Yard's new guidelines to police on how to handle incidents involving domestic violence disputes come after recommendations made by a Metropolitan Police working party.

All new police recruits will receive increased training so that they can offer "compassionate and constructive advice and to help them appreciate the uniquely vulnerable position of victims of domestic disputes."

The new instructions underline the fact that an assault which occurs within the home is as much a criminal act as

one which may occur in the street.

Even in cases where a non-arrestable offence has been committed police are reminded that they may still make an arrest to protect a child or other vulnerable persons...

Local police stations will have available the telephone numbers of local agencies offering advice, counselling and refuge to victims...

The Yard says: "No longer will police be allowed to dismiss such incidents as being no cause for police action, leaving victim and attacker to sort things out between themselves."

"Instead a formal system of recording every such incident is to be introduced."

Miss Ridley said: "Most of the things are good, especially measures taken to protect women, such as being able to use police transport to take women to refuges, also speaking to them separately away from men."

"But there doesn't seem to be any monitoring involved."

Divorce is the 'legal norm'

The legal system has become an instrument for the breaking up of marriages with serious social and economic implications for the country...

Speaking at a London conference held by the National Council for Christian Standards in Society, Mr Brown, author of the latest standard work, *Brown on Divorce*, said the Divorce Reform Act of 1969 had contributed to an increase in the instability of family life in Britain.

The misery this causes permeates the whole of our society including its economic performance and is clearly connected with the spectre we are now facing of limited resistance to the spread of Aids, he said.

Mr Brown said that in the past 15 years the number of divorces has trebled with divorce becoming the legal norm, marriage being only a contract for a limited period.

"As the instability of family life is increased, there have been concurrent rises in the rate of illegitimacy, abortion, children in care, juvenile crime and drug abuse."

"The financial cost to the country of family turmoil probably amounts to well over £2 billion a year."

"There is widespread misery, the tip of which is seen in divorce litigation, much of which does not disappear, for 50 per cent of second marriages are breaking up."

Mr Brown criticized the 1969 Act for changing the grounds for divorce from a finding of matrimonial mis-

conduct to a finding that the marriage has broken down irretrievably.

"There has to be a moral base, a sense of right and wrong upon which the stability of family life, the law and the cohesion of society depend."

Mr Brown, advocating the setting up of a single family court office, said the divorce process should include a "cooling off period" encouraging reconciliation rather than dissolution.

He also called for a commitment by Church and State to the preservation of marriage and the establishment of family courts aimed at buttressing marriage.

"Divorce must be a last resort for, in very many cases, the grass is rarely greener on the other side of the fence."

Left-wing ban angers builders

The building industry is urging the Government to legislate immediately to prevent Labour councils from blacklisting for political reasons...

In a letter to Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, the builders say: "Interference in normal commercial practices by local authorities continues to grow and is causing increasing difficulties in our industry."

The letter, from the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors (FCEC), the Building Employers' Confederation and the National Council of Building Material Producers, is a response to the trend among Labour authorities to bar building firms from tendering for contracts if they have links with South Africa...

A spokesman for the FCEC said yesterday that the letter had also been sent because firms were increasingly concerned about councils which awarded contracts to their own work departments, the direct labour organizations (DLOs), rather than to private firms, even when the private firm's tender was lower.

Recently, Sheffield council awarded its own DLO a contract for the refurbishment of council houses although at least one private contractor had put in a lower tender. The council said that if it had not gone to its workforce, men would have been laid off and redundancy payments would have cost more than awarding the contract to an outsider.

Apart from questions about South Africa, cruise bases and political gifts, the firms also ask about company policies towards the hiring of ethnic minorities and women.

Tarmac is one of several companies which has run up against blacklisting.

School saved

Hull Grammar School, founded in 1530, will be reopened by a trust formed by an association of old boys when the local authority ceases to maintain it as a comprehensive school next year.

Call for NHS link to nation's wealth

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Doctors, nurses and health service managers yesterday called for a radical new approach to funding the National Health Service...

The British Medical Association, The Royal College of Nursing and the Institute of Health Services Management urged the Government to provide an extra £1.5 billion on health service expenditure during the next two years to bring it in line with national income predictions.

The three organizations, which have sent a detailed report on their proposals to Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, argued that there was mounting evidence that the public supported additional spending on health.

They said that while economic predictions were favourable the health service should be able to benefit from the country's wealth.

It argues that minimum growth on the health service should be in line with national growth.

Under government proposals in the January White Paper health service spending was expected to rise in real terms by 2.8 per cent this year, 0.8 per cent in 1988-89 and 1.7 per cent in 1989-90.

If the Government adopts the strategy outlined in the paper it would need to spend an additional £172 million this year, £602 million next year and £916 million in 1989-90 representing real increases of 3.8 per cent, 3.3 per cent and 3.3 per cent, respectively.

Health Spending: A way to sustainable growth (The Institute of Health Services Management, 75 Portland Place, London W1).

Legal board welcomed

Eight organizations involved in the provision of legal services, issued a joint letter to the Lord Havers, Lord Chancellor, today emphasizing the need for the independence of the new Legal Aid Board.

The Law Society, the General Council of the Bar, the Trades Union Congress, the National Consumers' Council, the Federation of Independent Advice Centres, the Law Centres Federation, the Advice Services Alliance and the Legal Action Group, welcomed the principles behind



Mr Eric Ashby and friend: foxhounds upset his badgers.

Naturalist's legal challenge

By Howard Foster

Talk of badger gates, fox creeps and cub hunts lent Winchester County Court a distinctly rustic air yesterday as the court heard the un-

usually unpopular argument of a foxhunter against a naturalist and photographer of wildlife.

All around his trail, slightly bowed figure, Mr Ashby, one of Britain's leading naturalists and photographers of wildlife, is engaged in a bitter and historic battle as the pro-hunting lobby clashes with the anti-blood sports groups over the right to ban the foxhound from private land.

It is Mr Ashby's contention that, thanks to the intrusion of the New Forest foxhounds on to his two-and-a-half acre animal sanctuary, his famous and much-filmed artificial badger set is bereft of cubs.

This absence has, among other things, caused the cancellation of a BBC wildlife film that was to have monitored the progress of the badger families. Instead, a film he put together eight years ago is to be shown.

Mr Ashby, aged 69, who had his first wildlife article published in the *Boy's Own Paper* in 1935, is backed by the League Against Cruel Sports, which is paying his legal costs as he seeks a permanent injunction stopping the New Forest foxhounds from entering his land and damages for what has already happened.

If he is successful, it will be the first time an injunction

will have been awarded against fox hunters.

The trial is being attended by the three respondents to the action - joint masters of the New Forest hounds - and Mr Brian Toon, public affairs officer for the Master of Foxhounds Association.

Mr Toon takes comfort from the fact that, in 12 or so attempts funded by the League Against Cruel Sports, the success of those who oppose hunting has been lim-

ited. However, he acknowledges the inherent danger of a loss at Winchester.

"If we lost it would mean that we may have to restrict our areas of hunting across the country if landowners decided to ban us. This could be quite extensive."

For the league, Mr John Bryant, its press officer, was in a bullish mood. "We shall be supporting Mr Ashby all the way to Europe if necessary."

Mr Paul Darlow, for Mr Ashby, told the court that there had been at least eight incidents since 1973 when foxhounds had entered the wildlife sanctuary at Badgers Cottage, Linwood, near Ringwood, Hampshire.

In 1981 a number of bounds had been on Mr Ashby's land twice in the space of one-and-a-half hours. The hunt was told in a letter from Mr Ashby's solicitor that he could

lose fees and earnings if wild animals deserted the area and he could not film.

It was then that the hunt first mooted the possibility of installing, at its own expense, a "hound-proof" fence which Mr Ashby rejected. The incursions continued and Mr Ashby eventually suggested to the Forestry Commission that a buffer zone be set up on its land to protect his sanctuary, but this was rejected.

The past two incursions, one of which was filmed on video tape, finally persuaded him to seek a permanent injunction.

No badger cubs were born at his artificial set this year although experience of the past 12 years suggests that some should have been on the way.

After hounds came through his fence on December 30, when a fox went to ground in a natural badger set just outside his land, the badgers left. One or two returned before February 10 this year but, after another intrusion, these left and there were now only two or three badgers without cubs in the set where he had filmed some of his most memorable documentaries on the life of the British badger.

He rejected the offer by the hunt to build a 6ft fence around his property with removable panels for fallow deer, gates for badgers and creeps for foxes, because, he claimed, animals could be trapped against the fencing by the hounds and killed and that the very digging of the fence would drive the badgers away. The case continues.

Schools 'are destroying English lessons'

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

The Department of Education and Science and the schools inspectorate are accused of collaborating in the destruction of English teaching in a pamphlet published today by the Centre for Policy Studies.

"A new orthodoxy" is being promulgated which "could destroy one of our country's most valuable assets and render our children illiterate", the centre claims.

The author of the pamphlet is Mr John Marenbon, director of studies in English at Trinity College, Cambridge. He says most schools teach English badly and used to teach it better.

"When children leave English schools today, few are able to speak and write English correctly; even fewer have a familiarity with the literary heritage of the language," he says.

"Even among candidates for admission to the best universities who have specialised in English only a minority can spell with consistent correctness, use punctuation properly and construct complex sentences grammatically."

Mr Marenbon says it is not hard to see why. "Among those who theorize about English teaching there has developed a new orthodoxy, which regards it as a conceptual error to speak of 'correct' English and which rejects the idea of a literary heritage."

Her Majesty's inspectors are among the new orthodoxy's staunch proponents. Mr Marenbon adds: "To HMI, English is flourishing in many a school it singles out English teachers for special praise, and its criticisms are reserved for those who persist in traditional ways of teaching grammar and comprehension."

At the centre of the new orthodoxy is the hostility of

teachers and others to standard English. Mr Marenbon argues.

He says these "advocates of the principle of linguistic equality" do not think that standard English is superior to dialect and therefore do not believe that its grammar should be prescribed to children.

Furthermore, English, instead of being taught rigorously like mathematics or chemistry as a subject in which there is right and wrong, is increasingly regarded as "an opportunity to enrich and diversify personal growth".

He also complains of schools' neglect of literature. "Few teachers think it their job to introduce pupils to the heritage of English literature. They emphasize the study of modern works (often of little literary merit) which are presumed to be 'relevant' to their pupils."

Mr Marenbon concludes that the new orthodoxy "condemns those who speak and write badly to go on speaking and writing badly". Government ministers, he adds, are being "defeated by an enemy they do not recognize, in a battle they do not know they are fighting". The centre was founded in 1974 by Mrs Thatcher and Sir Keith Joseph. Its chairman is Lord Thomas of Swynghorn, better known as Hugh Thomas, the historian.

English our English (Centre for Policy Studies, 8 Wilfred Street, London SW1; £3.90).

Testing children's knowledge of English at seven, 11 and 14, as the Government has proposed, could be "immensely damaging to the development of individual pupils", the Association of County Councils said yesterday.

Cambridge swing to public sector

By Our Education Correspondent

A change in the Cambridge University admissions system has led to a significant fall in applications from pupils in private schools and a corresponding rise in the number of applicants from state schools.

Figures published by the university today show that applications from the independent sector fell this year by 9 per cent to 3,363, and those from the state sector rose by 8 per cent to 3,506.

The change is the abolition of the seventh-term examination. It was taken a term after A levels almost exclusively by pupils in independent schools and was widely criticized for giving them an unfair advantage.

Dr Rae Mitchell, chairman of the university admissions forum, described the increase in state school applications as an "encouraging sign for the future".

He said there had also been a small increase, from 36 per cent to 38 per cent, in the

number of women candidates.

A total of 8,300 candidates applied for about 3,000 places to be taken up in October. Nearly all were interviewed towards the end of last year, and conditional offers were made to about 4,500.

About 150 candidates were considered so outstanding that two E grades at A level will be enough to secure them a place.

"They are the ones who have a glowing report from school and wipe the floor with the interviewer," Dr Mitchell said. "Asking them for two Es is a vote of confidence in their ability."

However, the rest will have to do rather better. Some 60 per cent will require not only three A levels, preferably all at grade A, but also one or two S levels or grade 1S in the new sixth term examination paper (Step).

Pupils will learn their examination results in mid August.

All quiet on the Chapeltown front

By Craig Seton

The outbreak of violence in the sensitive Chapeltown area of Leeds highlighted the urgent need for the Government's proposed new initiative for the inner cities, community leaders said yesterday.

They were speaking after patrolling streets in Chapeltown until early yesterday, appealing to young blacks to end two nights of disturbances in which a sex shop and a car were fire-bombed and police attacked with stones and bottles.

Leeds police maintained a low profile in Chapeltown on Tuesday night and into the early hours of yesterday, although reinforcements with riot gear were on standby.

No incidents were reported and the area was peaceful for the first time in three nights.

Three youths were due to appear before Leeds magistrates yesterday charged with

burglary. They were arrested after an Asian shop was broken into during the disturbances. Leeds police expect to make more arrests.

The disturbances broke out on Sunday night after police went to a routine domestic

disturbance in Chapeltown. Young black youths gathered and a police car was attacked.

After the arrest of a black youth aged 17, about 100 youths, some as young as 14 and 15, began sporadic attacks with petrol bombs.

Three teenagers appeared before Leeds magistrates yesterday on charges arising from the disturbances at Chapeltown.

Two brothers, Jaspal Singh Bahra, aged 19, a warehouseman, and Jaswant Singh Bahra, aged 18, unemployed, both of Mexborough Avenue, Chapeltown, and Anthony Butler, aged 17, of Saville Place, Chapeltown, were jointly accused of stealing food from a shop in Chapeltown Road. The prosecution claimed that a sledgehammer was used to break into the shop.

Solicitors acting for the defendants, said the three youths denied burgling the shop, although they admitted picking up a box of crisps from a garden after other people had ransacked the shop and left food lying around. The three also denied any other involvement in the disturbances.

Jaspal Singh was remanded in custody for a week and the other two defendants were granted conditional bail.

After early morning raids on homes in Leeds, detectives at Chapeltown were last night questioning five youths in connection with the disturbances.

Men deny conspiring to kidnap

Mr Mitchell Lewis, of the Chapeltown liaison group, which maintains contacts between the local ethnic community and the police, said: "What happened shows that the Government should now get cracking to end the unemployment, idleness and alienation which exists among young blacks in these areas."

"Local youths think the police are heavy handed. It is a hypersensitive area and needs only a little spark to trigger it off."

Supt Roy Exley, deputy divisional commander for Leeds north-east, which includes Chapeltown, said that police "tension indicators" had not suggested prior to the disturbances that trouble was brewing.

"Our relationships with the local community are good and we meet community leaders regularly."

"We certainly hope this is an end to it."

A man accused of seizing a woman with the intention of forcing her into an arranged marriage claimed yesterday that he was tricked into taking part in the kidnap attempt.

Christopher Cornish told Exeter Crown Court that he was under the impression that it was a matter of persuading the woman rather than kidnapping her.

Mr Cornish, aged 28, of Westfield Place, Yeovil, and Derrin Rickerby, aged 39, of Crass Road, Yeovil, both deny conspiring to kidnap Kalpana Raveendran in Barrisley, north Devon.

The woman's father, Kunja Raveendran, aged 53, of Charles Street, Cowley, Oxford, and Philip Best, aged 36, and Ronald Clark, aged 38, both of Yeovil, have already pleaded guilty to the charge.

The jury has been told that Kunja Raveendran hired Best to recruit the other three men to kidnap his daughter so that she could be forced into an arranged marriage in India. Miss Raveendran, a Hindu, had run away from home after her family tried to stop her love affair with Mustapha Hamid, a Muslim aged 21.

The plot was foiled when passers by came to the rescue of the girl as she was being bundled into a car.

Mr Cornish told the court that he was offered £50 by Best to go to Barnstable but he had insisted that he would do nothing illegal.

Mr Rickerby said he had no idea that the woman he was sent to pick up was going to be forced into the car. The case continues today.

French customs hold up London auction of £4m Degas

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

A painting by Degas, worth at least £4 million, will not appear at Christie's in London next week as scheduled. It is stuck in French customs while the authorities do some last minute thinking about whether it is part of France's national heritage.

"Les Repasseuses", two girls at an ironing board, one of those yawning widely, is one of Degas' most famous images of domestic life, as opposed to his more familiar scenes back

stage at the ballet. He painted three versions. One is in the Musée d'Orsay, in Paris and a second in the Norton Simon Museum, in Pasadena, California. The third, which Christie's hope to sell, belongs to the heirs of Paul Durand-Ruel, the Parisian art dealer who supported the impressionists in their early days, and almost single handed, launched the market in their work.

The d'Orsay version is known to be the latest, but it is still a matter for argument whether the Norton Simon or

Durand-Ruel picture was the first. The painting is officially dated 1882, but Christie's say there is evidence to suggest that it was included in the first Impressionist group shows and may date from the mid-1870s.

The painting has been advertised by Christie's in foreign magazines with early deadlines on the confident assumption that it would arrive from France in time. "We sell a lot of pictures from France and are familiar with the normal timing of customs formalities", Mr James

Ronnell, director of Christie's Impressionist department, said.

The procedure is for the shipper to take the painting to customs. Every Wednesday afternoon experts from the Louvre or other museums make an inspection. They can deny an export licence, with or without purchasing the item for the national collections.

The Degas seems to have got through this hoop successfully. For works worth more than one million francs (£100,000), however, the minister's signature is required on the export documents. This appears to be the source of delay. A hitch in ministerial permission could imply that the museums are having second thoughts or it could, as Christie's believe, merely reflect a missing formality.

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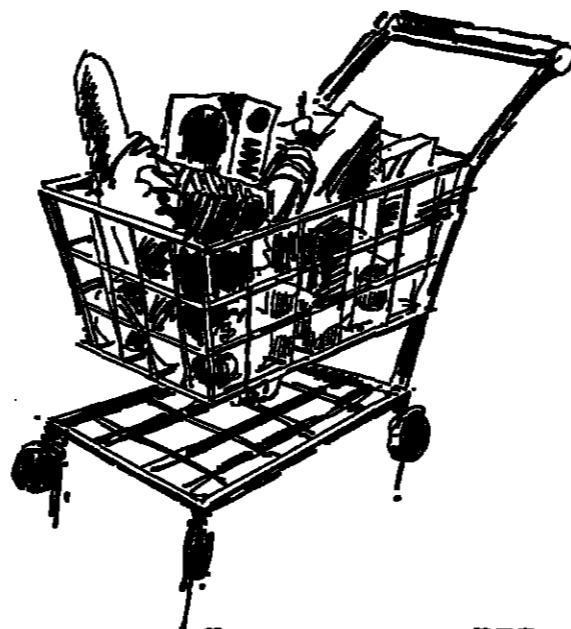
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The star item of Monday's evening sale will remain Van Gogh's "Le Point de Trinquetaille" which is expected to become the second most expensive picture sold at auction at more than \$8 million. The Degas would have been the second most important picture in the sale.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Briton shot dead on Costa del Sol

Madrid - The body of a Briton, Mr Robert Dodoy, has been found with three bullet wounds in the head in a partially burned car in the Costa del Sol town of San Pedro Alcántara, police in the nearby resort of Marbella confirmed yesterday (Harry Debelius writes).

Battery hens battle

Luxembourg (Reuter) - Britain began a court battle yesterday to annul a European Community decision on protection for battery hens in what legal experts said was an attempt to curb any increase in the EEC's powers. At a preliminary hearing at the European Court of Justice, Britain demanded the annulment of a 1986 decision by Community ministers to lay down minimum Community-wide standards for the type and size of cages used for battery hens. Britain argued that ministers broke Community policy by making the decision by majority vote.

Soldier goes free Sri Lanka poll call

Nairobi (AP) - Kenya's High Court yesterday upheld a conviction for assault and disorderly conduct against a British soldier but reduced his one-year prison term to the four months he had already served and ordered his immediate release. Colombo (Reuter) - President Jayewardene has, in a surprise move, announced by-elections within two months for 16 vacant parliamentary seats in Sri Lanka's strife-torn northern and eastern provinces.

Hong Kong barrier

Hong Kong (Reuter) - Hong Kong is to improve electronic surveillance along its border with China after this week's increase in the number of people caught trying to smuggle themselves into the colony, a British Army spokesman said yesterday. He said that about £1.5 million would be spent to improve the present barbed-wire border fence, built in 1979, and to upgrade electronic surveillance.

Argentine Tourists court swap death plea

Buenos Aires (Reuter) - Argentina's Supreme Court has overturned the convictions of three police staff, one of them retired, who were jailed in December on torture and other human rights charges. Harare (Reuter) - Mr Cephas Sibanda, an alleged member of a kidnap gang charged with the murder of six foreign tourists in Zimbabwe's western Matabeleland province five years ago, has pleaded no guilty.

Nine jailed for killing

Pretoria (AFP) - Nine black South Africans, the youngest a girl aged 16, have been jailed for between five years and life for the killing in July 1985 of a black woman alleged to have been a police informer. The horrific murder of Miss Mafu Skhosana, aged 24, which was filmed by a foreign television crew and shown on television screens around the world, coincided with the peak of black political violence, when alleged black informers were being burned to death.

Pope fuels Jewish wrath by Waldheim meeting

From Roger Boyes, Rome

To the anger of Jewish communities everywhere, Dr Kurt Waldheim, the Austrian President who is suspected of involvement in Nazi war crimes, will today break out of his year-long diplomatic quarantine when he is sneaked into the Vatican for an audience with the Pope.

It is being asked if the Pope, committed as he is to rebuilding bridges between the Roman Catholic Church and the Jews, has made a serious diplomatic blunder. The answer is a complex one, partly because it stirs up old ghosts (few Jews will forget the Vatican's lukewarm condemnation of the Holocaust), partly because it involves prejudging Dr Kurt Waldheim, but most of all because of the Pope's competing roles as statesman and Pontiff.

The Vatican has taken the unusual step of offering an explanation. Dr Waldheim, the Pope's spokesman says, is the elected leader of a democratic country, a country more-

papal visit to Austria and the situation in Eastern Europe and the Middle East, but no discussion of Nazi barbarities. Dr Marek Edelman, the Polish doctor and Jewish resistance fighter who declared recently that the only conceivable justification for the audience would be if Dr Waldheim were to kneel and confess the truth, is likely to be disappointed.

The Pope meets many controversial figures both in Rome and on his visits abroad. Mr Yasser Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman, is an obvious example. A recent visit to Chile put the Pope on the same balcony as a clearly self-justified Pinochet. In each case he hoped for, or actually contributed towards, political change. It was worth the gamble. But it is difficult to see what he can achieve with Dr Waldheim.

In some ways the stakes are higher than in a meeting with a South American dictator. The Vatican

relationship with the Jews is far from good. There is now enough evidence to show that Pope Pius XII knew at an early stage of the mass murder of Jews and that he did not react sufficiently strongly, at least in public. In private, the Vatican, in common with many Catholic hierarchies in occupied countries, was trying to bargain for lives. But most historians seem to agree that this was at best a misjudgement; the Pope should have stated openly the moral position.

Successive popes have tried to correct the balance, each in his own way, since the war. In 1965 the decree *Nostra Aetate* stressed the "spiritual patrimony common to Christians and Jews". But the Jews remain unhappy; they feel uneasy about the lack of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Israel, watch anxiously if Arab diplomats make approaches and in general expect much, perhaps too much, from the Pope.

John Paul has made the biggest step so far to mend fences. He has visited the main synagogue in Rome; in Germany recently he deplored the concentration camps and racial extermination; a fortnight ago in Poland he prayed in the Majdanek concentration camp; he has beatified a Carmelite nun of Jewish origin and his diplomats are exploring ways of speeding up the exit of Jews from the Soviet Union. But he underestimates Jewish sensitivities and the importance of Dr Waldheim as a symbol of a generation of Austrian Nazis who got away with murder.

This is a failure of political counsel, not the first of this nine-year-old pontificate. The Pope says he is "surprised and pained" by the angry Jewish response. But however sincere the grief, he should not be surprised. He should have given adequate diplomatic advice, and that advice should have been given the postponement of Dr Waldheim's visit.

Concessions by Chun fail to avert threat of more rioting

From David Watts, Seoul

President Chun Doo Hwan made only marginal concessions to defuse South Korea's two weeks of unrest in a meeting with Mr Kim Young Sam yesterday which did nothing to allay fears of further instability.

The first meeting with the opposition leader in President Chun's seven years in power lasted for three hours. Mr Kim told the President what the opposition believes needs to be put right if the daily demonstrations and clashes between riot police and the people are to end.

The President agreed that debate on constitutional reform should resume, but in the National Assembly, where it was previously bogged down for a year without making any

progress. The President also agreed that Mr Kim Dae Jung's house arrest should be lifted and that the 300 or so people arrested since June 10 be freed.

Mr Kim Dae Jung, a principal opposition leader, was released from house arrest last night and the police were withdrawn from the area around his home. Some people were arrested when they clashed with police.

Another clash came as darkness fell when riot police and snatch squads started to try to clear onlookers from a station forecourt at Yongdoo, a working-class area of Seoul.

The President did not respond to Mr Kim's suggestions that there might be a national referendum to choose the form of government to be incorporated into the new constitution or to suggestions of more press freedom.

According to the local press, the President said that such issues should be discussed

with Mr Roh Tae Woo, chairman of the ruling Democratic Justice Party which has declared him successor to the President.

Mr Kim had tried to make the release of Mr Kim Dae Jung from house arrest and the freeing of the prisoners pre-conditions for the meeting. But their granting at a time when expectations have risen so high is likely to be less than impressive for the Opposition.

At a press conference after the negotiations, Mr Kim called the meeting "a small victory". One of his aides was more direct: "It was a failure."

A statement by the Reunification Democratic Party, of which Mr Kim is the leader, said: "We condemn the current regime's scheme to prolong its power and declare strongly our intention to struggle together with the democratic forces for democratization in a peaceful, non-violent manner."

The President's blocking of the way forward to constitutional reform was in character for a man who has never shown flexibility towards either of the two Mr Kims who he seems to consider unfit to run the country. His stance in the talks with Mr Kim yesterday appeared to be a further attempt to buy time for the Government. But Mr Kim said that he would join a big peace march being planned for Friday.

Asked if what he had been given would be enough to stop the riots, he said: "If he had met the demands, then I could have asked those people to hold off and postpone the peace march; but since no demands were met I have no way to stop either the demonstrations or the peace march."

"I told the President: 'The whole responsibility is on you. You must decide whether we have a constitutional reform referendum or whether it is decided in Parliament.'"

The President rejected Mr Kim's requests for the release of what he says are 3,000 political prisoners and the restoration of Mr Kim Dae Jung's civil rights.

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Four US Jews demonstrating in St Peter's Square yesterday against the Pope's decision to receive in audience today President Waldheim of Austria. From the left, Mr Glen Richter, Mr Bernard Glickman, Rabbi Avi Weiss and Mr Robert Fraenkel are seen wearing prayer shawls over "death camp" uniforms. Rabbi Weiss, of New Jersey, backed by protesters from the US,

Austria, Italy and elsewhere in Europe, plans to dog President Waldheim's steps throughout his visit to the Vatican (Our Rome Correspondent writes). "We are outraged, incensed, with the Vatican's reception of Waldheim," the rabbi, who is chairman of the US Jewish protest group, Coalition for Concern, said. The Vatican had already harboured Nazi war criminals and the "embracing of Waldheim is

a confirmation of this policy - it legitimizes his past and in its own way is the Vatican's further protection of an unrepentant Nazi war criminal". He compared the Pope's audience with President Waldheim with that granted to Mr Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO. The Pope was favouring Arabs over Jews, he said. The Vatican has no diplomatic relations with Israel.

Vatican embarrasses the US bishops

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Waldheim's visit today to the Vatican has led to a rapid deterioration in the prickly relations between the United States's powerful Jewish community and the Roman Catholic Church.

The letter was sent on Tuesday by Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, chairman of the International Jewish Committee on Inter-Religious Consultations, to Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, the Vatican official in charge of relations with the Jews.

The committee, empowered to conduct a dialogue of reconciliation with the Vatican that began 20 years ago, consists of the leading American Jewish groups. They all agreed the wording of the letter.

World Jewish leaders told the Vatican in a strongly worded letter that the Pope's decision to grant an audience to the Austrian President was "a terrible blow to the future of Jewish-Vatican relations. Only a truly meaningful and momentous gesture towards the Jewish people might help to advance Catholic-Jewish relations in the present crisis."

Angry American Jews have threatened to boycott a planned meeting in the US with the Pope on September 11. Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, vice-president of the World Jewish Congress, urged the Pope on Sunday to use the occasion to provide President Waldheim with a graceful way of leaving the Austrian presidency.

"The Jewish world is united without dissent that a man of his murky past, who looked away while Jews were murdered and Yugoslav villages were burnt, is not morally acceptable as a world leader," he wrote in *The New York Times*.

The incident would not blow over but would poison the highest levels of Jewish-Catholic relations. He added: "A simple whitewash by the Pope of the evasive Mr Waldheim is unthinkable".

In recent months, several incidents have clouded the slowly improving relations between American Jews and the Vatican. There was an outcry at Rome's refusal to allow Archbishop John O'Connor of New York to visit Israeli leaders in their offices during a recent visit to the Middle East.

He expressed dismay at the vehemence of Jewish criticism of his controversial visit, which was generally seen here as ill-advised and counterproductive.

VIENNA: President Waldheim's departure for the Vatican yesterday coincided with a Gallup poll in Vienna showing that 61 per cent of Austrians would still vote for him in an Austrian presidential election, despite the controversy surrounding his wartime career (Richard Bassett writes).

Of these, 41 per cent believe that the President's difficulties are exclusively attributable to the activities of the World Jewish Congress. Only 33 per cent thought President Waldheim was to blame for the dispute about his role as a Wehrmacht officer in the Second World War.

His visit to the Vatican was interpreted in Austria as a powerful sign of his innocence of any war crimes and as an indication that his isolation is drawing to a close.

Most Viennese newspapers yesterday attacked Jewish organizations and the US Government, whose Ambassador to the Holy See will not be present when President Waldheim is greeted by the foreign diplomatic corps.

LONDON: Britain is to be represented by its second-ranking diplomat from its mission to the Holy See at today's Vatican reception for President Waldheim (Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes). The Foreign Office said that that was because the ambassador was on leave and no diplomatic hint was intended.

Russia and China woo Israelis

From Ian Murray Jerusalem

The Soviet Union and China are prepared to renew diplomatic relations with Israel if they are able to take part in an international peace conference on the Middle East.

Moscow and Peking have let that be known through unofficial channels to Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, as he struggles to persuade his Government to agree to the conference.

As a sign of the more flexible relationship, the Soviet Union has just been granted visas for a consular visit to Israel to inspect the \$250 million worth (£156 million) of dilapidated Russian Orthodox Church property.

At the same time, a delegation of Knesset members has been invited to Moscow for the first time in 25 years, and two other members have been invited to China, which has increasingly been making use of Israeli expertise.

The Soviet Union and China broke off relations after the 1967 Six-Day War because of Israel's continued occupation of captured land. Since the whole purpose of an international conference is to provide a framework for negotiations on the future of the occupied territories, there would be no logical reason for the break in relations to continue.

Gulf War initiative

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Iran was one step closer yesterday to facing the prospect of an international arms blockade following the partial unveiling of the first phase of an ambitious peace plan for the Gulf by the five permanent powers on the UN Security Council.

The five - Britain, France, China, the United States and the Soviet Union - informed their 10 elected colleagues on the Security Council of their strategy to end the Gulf conflict, including a call for an immediate ceasefire, the redeployment of forces to internationally recognized boundaries and a prisoner-of-war exchange.

But the crucial enforcement action, calling for military sanctions against the belligerent failing to comply with the ceasefire demand, was not formally discussed as China continued to withhold final approval.

Nevertheless, Washington and Moscow have joined forces in attempting to isolate Iran, and the conscious use of their influence to the same end has made them virtually irresistible. Diplomatic sources involved in the negotiations were confident that China would eventually give its consent, but not before extracting as fair a deal as possible for Iran.

The first phase of the five-power initiative centres largely on the creation of a judiciary committee to determine the causes of the war. One of Iran's key demands for ending the conflict is international censure of Iraq as the aggressor. China is making certain that Iran is given every opportunity for accepting the structures of the council.

This is in sharp contrast to the United States, which has done little to conceal its interest in pursuing a campaign against Iran in the wake of revelations of the aborted arms-for-hostages deal.

As the issue of reflagging Kuwaiti tankers is stalled because of congressional misgivings, the US is also using the council to warn Iran it cannot continue to destabilize the Gulf region at will.

THE IRANIAN Prime Minister, Mr Mir Hussein Mousavi, quoted by Tehran radio yesterday, said Iran would reject any resolution to end the war which did not declare Iraq the aggressor (Reuter reports).

SHIP ABANDON: Regional shipping sources said a Turkish bulk carrier, the Hira III, was set ablaze and seven of its crew were injured in an Iraqi missile attack off the Iranian coast (Reuter reports).

Koch survives Big Apple's rotten apples

From Charles Bremner New York

Until a few weeks ago Mr Edward Koch, New York's once irrepressible Mayor, seemed to be weathering a storm of corruption scandals that would almost certainly have toppled the administration of a less cynical city.

Some of his old sparkle had begun showing itself as he announced a record budget surplus of more than \$700 million (about £418 million) and other figures that testified to the revival of a city that was the nation's economic dead man before Mr Koch took over in 1977.

All that was before the disgrace of Miss Bess Myerson, an episode that is said by insiders to have devastated the Mayor. Miss Myerson, aged 62, who reigned until earlier this year as the city's Commissioner of Cultural Affairs, is a former Miss America and close friend of Mr Koch.

She resigned in May after a judge's report found her guilty of serious misconduct. Her lover, a 42-year-old sewer contractor, was sentenced to four-years imprisonment for income tax evasion. The bombshell broke this month when local newspapers published details of the report that recounted a tale of greed, lies and betrayal.

Miss Myerson is alleged to have received lavish gifts from the contractor, Asely Casposo, who made millions of dollars in city contracts. Most damagingly, she is accused of



Propping up a city where graft and corruption are endemic: Mayor Koch in relaxed mood before the latest scandal broke. (Photograph: Stephen Markeson)

manipulating an elderly woman judge to reduce huge alimony payments that she had ordered Casposo to pay to his former wife. The judge, Mrs Hortense Gabel, has just resigned.

The report also accused Miss Myerson of lying to the Mayor. Mr Koch, distancing himself from Miss Myerson last week, called her conduct "deplorable and dishonourable". Miss Myerson's reputation suffered a further blow last week when newspapers reported a police investigation which alleged that she had seduced a previous lover in 1980 with anonymous telephone calls and letters. The Mayor said he knew of the report at the time, but attributed her actions to a lover's quarrel and the fact that she had been seriously ill.

The Myerson affair is the closest to the Mayor's office that any of the New York scandals have come, but it is also one of the least important.

Over the past 18 months more than 100 contractors, judges, elected officials and politicians have been caught in a sprawling web of police investigations. Dozens of officials have resigned.

As *The New York Times* columnist Russell Baker wrote: "Grafters, hoodlums, extortionists, thieves, all with their suits in the wash - this gang conjures up images that would long ago have destroyed a politician less earnest than Koch."

The State Governor, Mr Mario Cuomo, has called the revelations the worst ever - no mean charge for a city where graft and corruption are endemic. Historians say the 1987 version still pales beside

the doings of Boss Tweed, who effectively pillaged the town's treasury in the 1860s.

The first of the Big Apple's rotten apples to be exposed was the President of the Borough of Queens, Mr Donald Manes, who committed suicide after he was implicated in a huge bribery scheme involving the city's transport division.

The Democratic Party leader in the borough of the Bronx, Mr Stanley Friedman, was sentenced a few months ago to 12 years' imprisonment for racketeering in connection with the same scheme. Mr Mario Biaggi, New York's leading congressman, is awaiting trial on charges of bribery, fraud and conspiracy in two affairs, one of them involving a multi-million dollar defence company said by federal pro-

secutors to have served as a milch-cow for corrupt city officials.

Despite all of this, the chief government prosecutor, Mr Rudolph Giuliani, has repeatedly maintained that "there is not a shred of evidence that Koch was aware of or involved in" any of the scandals that have rocked the city.

The 62-year-old Mayor, who no longer walks through the streets asking people "How'm I doing?", has moved quickly to disown former allies and associates caught with their hands in the till.

Local commentators attribute Mr Koch's survival to a public view of him as an innocent. But they say that his charmed existence cannot last much longer and they predict he could face still opposition from inside his own Democratic Party if he tries to run for a fourth term in 1989.

Bonn accepts risk of terrorist onslaught and US anger

West Germany decides to put Hamadei on trial

From Philip Jacobson, Bonn

After weeks of heart-searching and uncertainty, the West German Government is to risk a terrorist onslaught by putting Muhammad Ali Hamadei on trial for his role in the 1985 hijack of a TWA airliner to Beirut and the murder of a US Navy diver among the passengers.

In doing so, Chancellor Helmut Kohl and his Cabinet have defied fierce pressure from the Reagan Administration, which desperately wanted to put Mr Hamadei, aged 22, before a US court.

But yesterday's decision, announced at a crowded press conference in Bonn by the Chancellery Minister, Herr Wolfgang Schäuble, does not appear to have improved the prospects of securing the release of the two West German citizens now being held by the Shia Hezbollah group in Lebanon against the release of Mr Hamadei.

Herr Schäuble was emphatic that "the full severity of German justice" would be deployed against the 23-year-old suspect. "West Germany is a state ruled by law and will not allow itself to be blackmailed by terrorists."

The trial will begin as soon as criminal investigations are complete and Mr Hamadei faces life sentences if convicted on either of the two charges.

But although yesterday's decision surprised nobody, and Herr Schäuble made a point of thanking the Americans for providing valuable prosecution evidence, the Hamadei affair has bedevilled the normally cosy relationship between Bonn and Washington almost from the day last January that he was picked up

coming into Frankfurt airport with three wine bottles full of liquid explosives.

West German security experts' worst fears about the arrest were swiftly realized with the kidnapping of Herr Rudolf Cordes and Herr Alfred Schmidt in Lebanon.

Under a carefully prepared contingency plan, envoys from Bonn began sounding out influential figures in the murky extremist circles of the Middle East about the prospects of a deal.

At that point, however, what one senior West German

demonstrate what happens to people who hijack American planes and murder American citizens," one West German official says.

From the beginning, other sources say, the US Ambassador, Mr Richard Burt, was extremely forceful in pressing the American Government's case for extradition, pointing out more than once that failure to hand Mr Hamadei over could have serious implications for relations between the two countries.

Those were the first shots in a bruising diplomatic con-

frontation that has indeed strained the Bonn-Washington connection severely.

Washington then developed a secondary policy on Mr Hamadei: if the Germans refused extradition, then they must be persuaded to try him for nothing less than hijacking and murder.

The reaction in West Germany was predictably hostile. "The US has already discredited itself in the fight against terrorism," the weekly *Die Zeit* said in an acid reference to the Iranian arms scandal. "They can hardly hold it against us if we prefer to save our countrymen at the expense of their legal claim."

Last month, shortly before Chancellor Kohl and President Reagan were to meet at the economic summit in Venice, the West Germans sent a veteran negotiator to Iran in what appears to have been a

final attempt to barter with Hezbollah for the hostages. Then the Americans gave it one last try. Earlier this month, a high-level legal team came to Bonn, apparently anticipating some breakthrough at the Venice summit. In Venice, President Reagan and Chancellor Kohl talked privately for 45 minutes.

Unsurprisingly, accounts of what was said differ sharply. According to the White House spokesman, Herr Kohl had formally rejected a last appeal to hand Mr Hamadei over, but had given the clear impression that West Germany would shortly charge him with hijacking and murder. That was denied in Bonn, where government sources indicated "surprise and annoyance" at such remarks before any Cabinet decision had been taken.

Today the focus of the Hamadei affair has finally shifted to assembling a case designed to secure his conviction. Ten days ago, passengers from the hijacked TWA jet picked him out at a secret identity parade. Forensic science material available in the US, including fingerprints, is said to strengthen the evidence against him.

What comes after the trial is anybody's guess. Assuming Mr Hamadei is convicted, and receives life, which means what it says in West Germany, it is likely that negotiations will begin all over again.

Relieved from the threat of imprisonment in the US, Mr Hamadei may now be banking on a discreet exchange of prisoners when sufficient dust has settled on what one high official in Bonn describes as "this murderous game".

Hopes of amnesty release grow for hundreds in Gulag

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Several hundred Soviet political and religious prisoners still detained. But this figure excluded those jailed for religious offences. Miss Irina Ratushinskaya, the dissident poet recently stripped of her Soviet citizenship, estimated earlier this year that there were still some 4,000 prisoners of the Bolshevik Revolution.

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Exact numbers of those affected have not been released by the authorities, but diplomatic sources said here last night that, on paper at least, it could involve considerably more people than the estimated 150 to 200 dissidents already released this year after a special review.

Western pressure groups campaigning for religious prisoners put the number of Christians held for religious beliefs at about 500, but they acknowledge they have little idea how many Muslims are held for infringing laws affecting religious activities.

The sources cautioned against excessive optimism about the fate of many dissidents because the long and complex amnesty declaration excluded those who had "violated the regime of the place of imprisonment," a term which could exclude any of those who have staged hunger strikes or other protests.

After initially misfiring, Western reporters earlier in the week, Mr Gerashimov told them yesterday the amnesty would cover those convicted under Article 70 and Article 190 of the criminal code, the two main articles used for sending dissidents to labour camps or prisons.

It was also noted that the amnesty does not extend to those forcibly detained in mental institutions because of their political beliefs. Mr Anatoly Koryagin, the dissident psychiatrist released earlier this year, estimated that there were still some 180 such people in 16 mental hospitals.

He said that those convicted under Article 70, which covers anti-Soviet propaganda and agitation, with a maximum penalty of seven years' detention plus five more in internal exile, would be entitled to a reduction of sentence only. Those held under Article 190, covering the defamation of the Soviet state and system, could win their freedom.

Although the original amnesty was published in the government newspaper *Izvestia* last Friday, it did not emerge until a press briefing given yesterday by Mr Genadiy Gerashimov, the chief Kremlin spokesman, that it would also embrace those jailed for political and religious offences.

Mr Gerashimov said that the terms of the amnesty also covered those convicted under Article 142, which deals with violations of the law covering the separation of church and state, and Article 227, which refers to the infringement of civic rights under the guise of religious ritual.

Estimates about their exact numbers vary widely, with Dr Andrei Sakharov, the human rights campaigner, recently giving an estimate of just over

There was diplomatic speculation that the delay in revealing the full extent of the amnesty indicated strong internal resistance to it, especially in the KGB.



Herr Hans Engelhard, the West German Justice Minister, preparing for the Cabinet meeting in Bonn yesterday.

Shake-up in Hungary

Budapest's boss to head Government

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

Important changes in the Hungarian Government's hierarchy will be announced today after a prolonged session of the Council of Ministers in Budapest, official Hungarian sources said yesterday.

a well-placed source in Budapest said yesterday.

Mr Karoly Grosz, the First Party Secretary of Budapest, aged 57, is to become Prime Minister, replacing Mr Gyorgy Lazar, who will move up to the largely titular position of deputy to the Hungarian party leader, Mr Janos Kadar.

The promotion of Mr Lazar to Mr Kadar's deputy was significant as it underlined the unlikelihood of the veteran party leader stepping down soon as has been often rumoured.

Another important change which will be announced today is the long-awaited promotion of Mr Janos Berecz to the Politburo. He will have responsibility for cultural affairs and is hoped to present a more tolerant line towards the opposition.

Dissident as well as some official sources greeted the promised announcement yesterday with unease. Mr Grosz is an energetic and forceful personality who is widely expected to initiate long-awaited changes in the Hungarian economy.

Several thousand Serbs say they intend to demonstrate peacefully in Belgrade during the committee session. They are complaining of discrimination at the hands of Kosovo Albanian officials.

As the Hungarian economy deteriorates, Mr Grosz will be expected to exercise firm discipline in bringing recalcitrant managers and politicians to heel.

In less than four decades the Albanian population in Kosovo has tripled, while the number of Serbs has fallen by half and now represents less than 13 per cent of the total. In the past six years more than 23,000 Serbs have moved out of Kosovo.

His promotion, however, had been expected for some time. The delay in announcing his appointment was attributed yesterday to differences between reformist and conservative elements in the Hungarian Politburo.



Mr Grosz: his promotion greeted with unease

"There can be no doubt that he will really shake things up."

Congressmen divided over legal concessions to North

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Congressional investigators remained deeply divided yesterday on what concessions should be made to secure the testimony of Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the key witness in the Iran-Contra scandal, who is attempting to dictate terms for his appearance on the witness stand.

General Secord while Colonel North was still working at the National Security Council.

After further damaging revelations on Tuesday that he personally benefited from the profits of the sale of arms to Iran, the investigators have angrily denounced his lawyer's attempt to limit the number of hours of questioning. Colonel North will face, at the same time broadening his immunity from prosecution.

Colonel North's image as a selfless patriot has already been damaged by testimony by his secretary, Miss Fawn Hall, that they shredded and altered key documents, and by accounts of Colonel North cashing \$2,400 (£1,500) of travellers' cheques from a Contra leader to buy groceries and snow tyres.

Others, however, insisted that they would have to accept limits on preliminary private testimony by Colonel North and an evidence given under oath if they are to get him to tell his story at all.

Yesterday the hearings concentrated on the drawing up of the intelligence "findings" by President Reagan to authorize the secret shipment of arms to Iran. Judge Stanley Sporkin, the CIA's former chief lawyer, said he gave "stiff legal advice" that the finding was necessary, but concluded that the Reagan Administration did not have to notify Congress of the covert activity.

The investigators were told on Tuesday of Colonel North's attempt to conceal the gift of an expensive security system for his home. They also heard

He said he wrote the document for Mr Reagan's signature immediately after being briefed on CIA efforts to speed up a shipment of arms from Israel to Iran through Portugal in November 1985. The Portuguese would not give permission, so the CIA was asked to help.

"We were hauling out a project," Mr Sporkin said. "We were brought in because they could find no one else."

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Pretoria's Namibia puppet shows independence

From Michael Hornsby, Windhoek, Namibia

South Africa is engaged in a bizarre constitutional tussle with the local multiracial administration of Namibia, the vast wedge of mineral-rich bush and desert on its north-western flank which has been under Pretoria's control since South African troops wrested it from the Germans in 1915.

This week the Namibian Cabinet, representing the six political parties in the so-called "Transitional Government of National Unity," which was installed with Pretoria's blessing exactly two years ago, announced that it intends to seek public support for a new constitution that would abolish all remnants of apartheid.

Nearly seven hours of talks last Friday in Windhoek, the Namibian capital, between the Cabinet and a Pretoria delegation led by Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the Foreign Minister, and General Magnus Malan, the Defence Minister, failed to resolve differences over the proposed constitution.

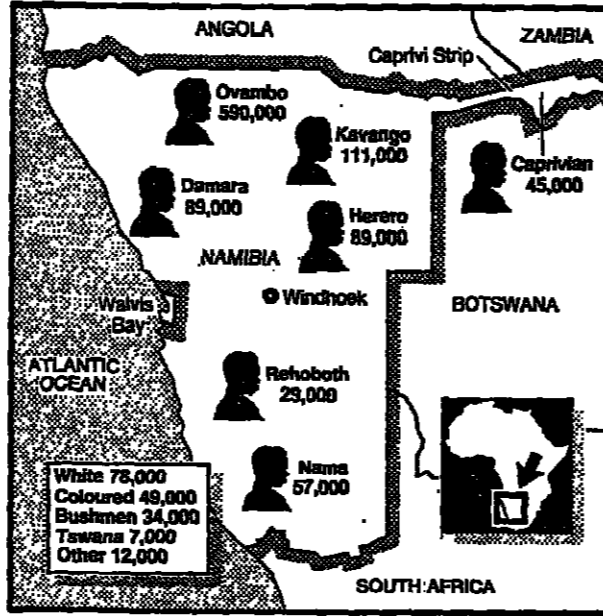
Pretoria wants an assurance that the constitution will contain specific guarantees of the rights of ethnic minorities — code language for the protection of the privileged economic and political status of the country's 78,000 whites who make up 6.5 per cent of

the population of 1,190,000. This is opposed by four of the six Namibian parties.

At its installation, the Transitional Government was seen as the latest of several attempts by Pretoria to persuade the outside world that there was a credible moderate alternative to the guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organization (Swapo), and as a ploy to sidestep elections supervised by the United Nations, in which Swapo would be virtually certain to emerge the winner.

Swapo, which draws its support mainly from the Ovambo people, who account for half Namibia's population and are concentrated along its northern border with Angola, has been fighting for independence since 1966. It has been able to operate from bases inside Angola since the latter's independence from Portugal in 1975.

The main component of the Transitional Government is the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance, a multi-ethnic coalition led by Mr Dirk Mudge, a white Afrikaner, who was once a fairly obedient partner in South African constitutional experiments in Namibia, but who is now something of a thorn in Pretoria's side.



Other parties in the Transitional Government include a faction of the South West Africa National Union, a black nationalist organization older than Swapo, led by Mr Moses Katjiuongua, whose support comes mainly from the Hereros, one of the biggest black groups after the Ovambos.

The Swapo-Democrats of Mr Andreas Shipanga, an Ovambo who helped found Swapo but later fell out with

Mr Sam Nujoma, its leader, also has a hand in government.

The three other government parties are the all-white National Party of South West Africa, the nominally independent local offshoot of South Africa's ruling party led in the Cabinet by Mr Jan de Wet, and two parties representing mixed-race groups, the Labour Party of Mr Dawid Beuzidenhout and the Reho-



Mr Shipanga: a founder of Swapo now in government



Mr Beuzidenhout: speaks for mixed-race groups

both Liberation Front of Mr Hans Diegaard.

Twenty-two of the 62 seats in the National Assembly are allocated to the Turnhalle Alliance, which holds three of the eight ministerial portfolios. The other five parties have eight seats and one portfolio each. Chairmanship of the Cabinet rotates among the parties in alphabetical order.

The Namibian Government has considerable auton-

omy. In theory, about the only thing it cannot do is declare itself fully independent. In practice, for a law to be passed the Government must get the assent of Mr Louis Pienaar, the South African Administrator-General.

At the end of 1985 the Namibian Government was allowed to nominate members to a Constitutional Council, chaired by Mr Justice Victor Hienstra, a South African Supreme Court judge. It is this body, after 17 months of labour, which has now come up with the draft constitution that has set alarm bells ringing in Pretoria.

In the next week or two, this draft, which has the necessary two-thirds support in the council, will be published along with a less radical alternative favoured by the National Party and Rehoboth Basters, a mixed-race community.

According to Mr Mudge the proposed majority constitution provides for "a multi-party democracy based on one-man-one-vote, where whites sharing the same political convictions as black people can belong to the same political party."

The proposed constitution provides no entrenched protection for whites or other minority groups, meaning an

end to the 10 so-called second-tier ethnic-based local authorities that control such facilities as schools and hospitals.

President Botha appears to be worried about what right-wing whites at home would say about permitting such a radical departure from the apartheid principle on his doorstep when his own Government remains officially committed to race-based political and social structures.

The Namibian Cabinet intends to invite comment on the proposed constitution from groups outside the Government in the next three months and then decide how to test public support for it, possibly via a referendum. It remains to be seen how far Pretoria will play along.

Mr Fanelu Kozonguizi, a world-weary British-trained barrister and Minister of Information and a Turnhalle Alliance member, acknowledges the unreality of the constitutional debate.

"What good is the most democratic constitution if half the population does not identify with it," he asked. "In the end Swapo and the internal parties must come together and find a solution that is Namibian, not one imposed by the UN or South Africa."

That still seems an impossible dream.

Surrender by MP accused of smuggling

Dhaka (Reuters) — A member of the Bangladesh Parliament accused of smuggling millions of pounds of gold and currency has surrendered. The Home Affairs Minister, Mr Abdul Matin, told Parliament that Syed Mukbul Hossain was in custody after surrendering to an anti-smuggling tribunal on his return from London.

Wreck found

Rangoon (AFP) — The wreckage of a missing Burmese airliner carrying 40 passengers has been found in eastern Burma's mountainous jungle. There were no signs of survivors.

Killer floods

Hong Kong (Reuters) — At least 15 gold prospectors drowned and 137 others were reported missing in flash floods in south-east China.

Union banned

Port-au-Prince, Haiti (AFP) — The ruling National Government Council ordered dissolution of the Haitian Workers' Autonomous Central Union after a general strike paralysed the capital.

On the run

Athens (AP) — Victor Jacobari, aged 23, a Romanian middle-distance runner who disappeared before an international track meeting here, is seeking political asylum.

Poison deaths

Durban (AP) — Eight members of a family here died of mushroom poisoning and three others are in a serious condition in hospital.

Tamil aid

Madras (Reuters) — An Indian merchant ship carrying food and medicine for Sri Lankan Tamils is due in Jaffna today.

Bodies found

Rouen, France (AP) — The bodies of four sailors missing after an oil tanker collision in the Seine have been found, but the search continues for two others.

Census date

Moscow (Reuters) — The Soviet Union expects to start its first full-scale census for a decade on January 12, 1989.

Bitter times for drought-hit Zimbabwe tobacco farmers

From Jan Raath, Harare

"Cumson, gimme three hundred," bawls the starter at the head of the queue of buyers ambling down the 100-yard row of tobacco bales stretching down the vast new Harare auction floors.

The buyers laugh derisively. One of them taps the side of his nose with his forefinger and the bale is knocked down for 180 cents. The auctioneer drones on with his incomprehensible litany of bids and the queue moves on to the next bale.

Behind them, in another row of bales just sold, an expression of disgust grows on the face of a young farmer. He tears up the price ticket, signifying he will not accept such a meagre reward for his labour and walks away.

About 13,600 bales are sold each day of the six-month selling season on Zimbabwe's tobacco floors, the biggest in the world and boasting the most sophisticated and efficient tobacco-trading system anywhere.

The starter leads the queue of buyers representing major international cigarette companies and with an ability to gauge tobacco

quality by smell, feel and sight, sets the starting price for bids.

The auctioneer gives a descending or ascending price in a breathless high-speed mumble once described as sounding "like a mule chewing a hive of hornets". The buyers indicate their bids by scratching their ears, raising their eyebrows or some other quirk understood by the auctioneer.

This year, for the first time since independence, the fast-back, roller-coaster, free-enterprise Zimbabwe tobacco industry is in deep trouble.

The country's 900 growers, nearly all whites who tend to be wealthy, hard working, and regarded as arrogant by other farmers and the Government, this year expect to produce 125,000 tons of leaf.

Tobacco has long been the country's biggest hard-currency earner — about \$156 million is forecast for this year's crop — and biggest employer, with a work force of 271,000.

But one of the worst droughts in the country's history, combined with soaring temperatures, has produced a crop that generally is brittle and flavourless, with the sugar-nicotine

ratios giving Zimbabwean tobacco a legendary flavour "cooked out".

Moreover, Brazil, the newest contender on the world market for high-quality Virginia flue-cured tobacco and now the second biggest exporter after the US, has produced a massive and magnificent crop. In

Harare — The Zimbabwe Government yesterday imposed a wage freeze and strict price controls for the next six months in an attempt to ease the country's economic crisis (Jan Raath writes).

The move is expected to fuel already deep dissatisfaction among Zimbabwe's lower paid workers — as well as their millions of dependents — at their steadily declining standard of living, but is also likely to win the approval of the World Bank, from which Zimbabwe is

Western Europe, which takes 53 per cent of Zimbabwe's crop, the market is in a state of "static growth" as a result of the anti-smoking lobby.

So concerned is the Zimbabwe Tobacco Association about the lobby, industry sources say, it recently asked the Minister of

Health, Dr Sydney Sekeremayi, to use his influence with the World Health Organization to tone down the WHO campaign. The minister refused.

Another factor, the sources say, is concern over Zimbabwe's ability to continue as a reliable supplier.

anxious for a loan of \$120 million (£71.9 million) to pull the economy out of its depression.

Dr Bernard Chidzero, the Minister of Finance said the budget deficit was threatening to "run out of control", and cited serious unemployment, inflation of about 15 per cent and the drought which was affecting up to 1.4 million people. He said \$31 million had been allocated for drought relief this year. "We need to give the economy a bit of breathing space," he said.

Hence the reason why Tobacco Association executives wince more noticeably than any other of the country's private sector chiefs when Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, reiterates his threats of sanctions against South Africa. Some 93 per cent of Zimbabwe's

tobacco is shipped through South African ports.

The combination of factors has led to a slump in prices since auctions began on March 31. In the first week of sales, prices averaged at 191 cents a bale compared with 289 cents at last year's opening sales.

Now, 12 weeks into the selling season, by which time better leaf plucked from the upper end of the plant should be dominating the sales, the floors are filled with "printings and lags" from the lower end of the plant and used for filler tobacco. The price still hovers about 199 cents a bale, compared with 314 cents this time last year.

It means the arrival of the farmers' nightmare, over-extension on debt. Growers, dealing in one of the most specialized forms of modern agriculture, borrow heavily each year to meet the staggering capital costs of planting, tending, reaping, curing and packing their crop.

Since tobacco production began on a large scale here after the Second World War, the market generally has been sufficiently profitable to keep many growers in

Mercedes cars, Jacuzzis and split-level ranch-style homes.

Alarmists among ZTA officials speak of 35 per cent of growers going bankrupt, but industry analysts say the banks have already given indications that finance will be available to "reliable" growers.

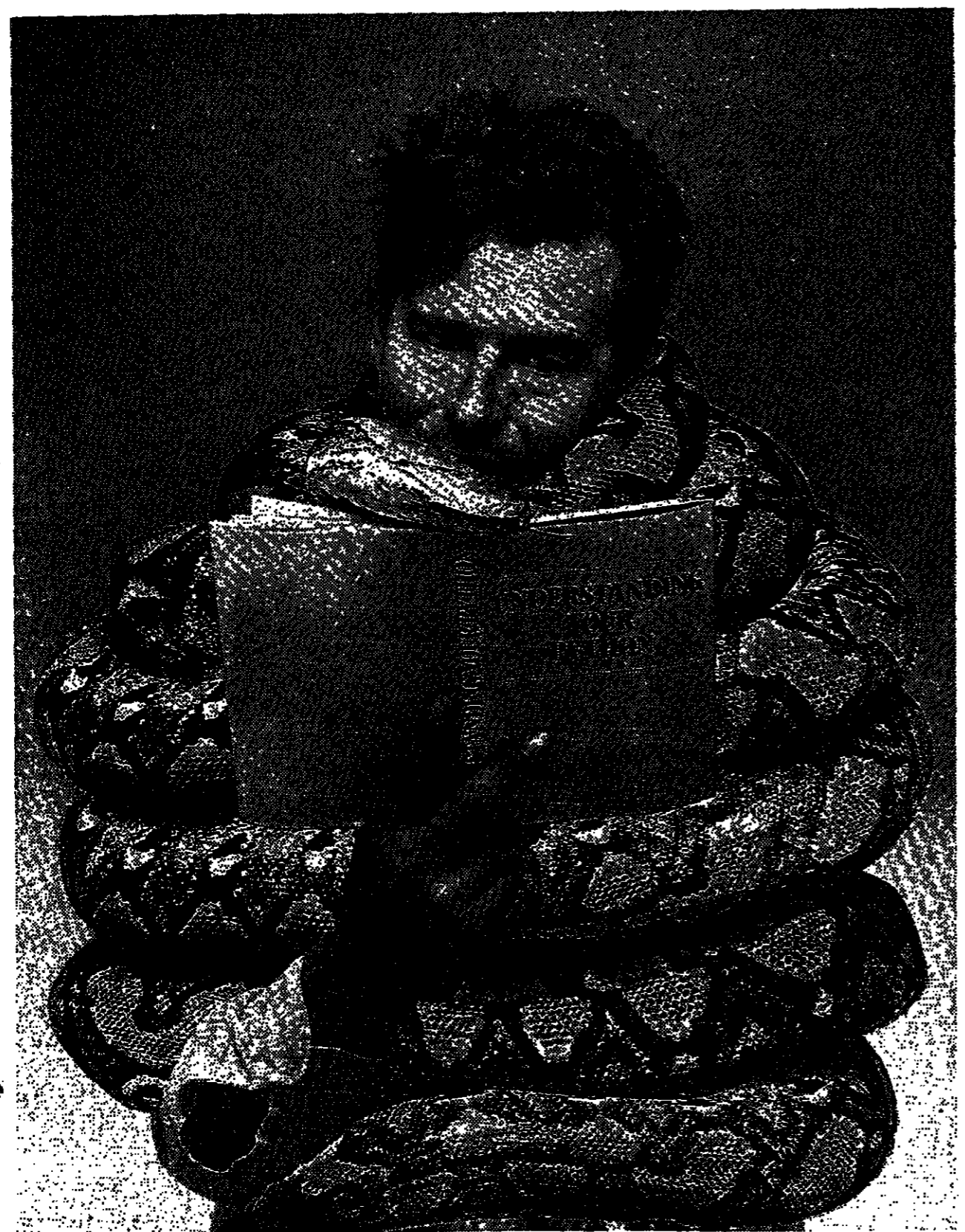
All depends on the weather next summer. "If we have similar circumstances next year, that is where the backs will break," commented a ZTA spokesman.

The pinch is reflected on the agenda of the ZTA congress which took place here this week with one proposal apparently for the removal of its chief executive, the former Rhodesian Army general, Mr Bertie Barnard.

ZTA executives, before the season opened, toured Europe and South America for a view of market trends and, say delegates, failed to predict the likely collapse of the price of tobacco.

Meanwhile, scores of Zimbabwean tobacco salesmen are scouring the developing world for new markets, as urbanization produces a spiralling growth in the taste for cigarette smoking.

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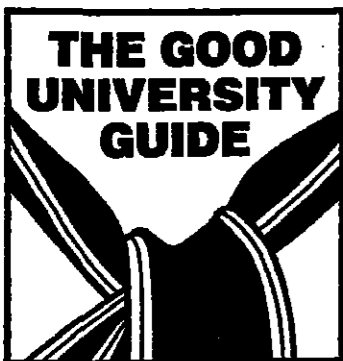
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A change of style at the polys



They used to be the poor relations and the stigma is lingering on. Sarah Thompson looks at the struggle for a new identity

Part 4: Polytechnics and prejudice

Like the most famous of all second-place companies, polytechnics try harder. In a promotional video produced this year by City of London Polytechnic, the actors Dinsdale Lunden and Gian Sammarco (Adrian Mole) play an enraged Oxbridge father and his rebellious son who drops the bombshell that he wants to go to a polytechnic.

"You failed your A-levels?" gasps Lunden in horror. Sammarco (who has not) explains patiently that he wants to do a modular degree — "But I thought you wanted to do science!"

The prejudice against polys is so common that a recent MORI poll discovered that even MPs are largely ignorant of what they do. "The public perception of polytechnics has done a great deal of harm and the name is the real problem," says Dr Ray Rickett, director of Middlesex Polytechnic and currently chairman of the polytechnics committee. "I favour the title of Polytechnic University which is frequently used on the continent."

The 30 polytechnics in England and Wales were formed between 1969 and 1973 by amalgamating major colleges of technology, commerce, education and art and design. In Scotland their equivalent is the Central Institutions. Their task is to produce designers, technicians and managers by the most efficient, practical process possible.

The feeling that they are the poor relations of tertiary education is fading fast. They have been praised to the skies by the Government for their efficiency, flexibility and superb record of meeting the training needs of industry and commerce. Polys are owned, locked, stock and barrel by the local

authorities in which they find themselves. The Government proposes to end this by funding them directly. One poly director said the change would lift "the dead hand of the town hall" which treats polys on a par with the refuse collection. "I have lecturers of international standing who need to attend major conferences abroad," he said. "But their travel allowance is the same as that for a secretary in the county planning department. Every decision has to be made twice — once inside the poly and once at the town hall."

Polytechnic students are getting cleverer. The requirements for places on the most popular courses in business and administration studies, accountancy and law have risen steadily.

For example, at Oxford, one of the "yuppy" polys, the average number of A-level points held by students on business studies have crept up from 7.4 (roughly two Ds and a C) to 8.4 (just under three Cs) between 1984-1986, and this year no business studies entrant will hold less than three Cs.

As student numbers have risen, most of the extra bodies have been squeezed into polytechnics, and many are students who a few years ago would have won a place at university. The proof of this is in the increase in first-class honours degrees awarded by polys. In 1981 these accounted for 3.8 per cent, in 1985 4.6 per cent, and last year there were more still.

But does a first-class degree from a poly mean the same as one from a university? Polytechnic directors are adamant that it does. The Council for National Academic Awards, which validates poly degrees, insists that the courses must be "at least" of the same standard as a university equivalent. Polytechnics have



The wet look: Tim Bailey, of Kingston Poly, who is to join the Paris designer Daniel Hechter, tries one of his creations on Kiva Atkinson

mechanisms designed to ensure that the degrees are of the same standard: external examiners from universities, for example.

Parents may remain sceptical: but the equal value of poly and university degrees is not in dispute in disciplines with a limited number of outlets such as architecture, town planning and art and design. Here, the polys often lead the field.

One step below the degree are the two-year Diplomas of Higher Education, also validated by the CMAA and requiring the same minimum entry qualifications as a degree. Then there are the Higher National Diplomas awarded in scientific, technological and business subjects and approved by the

independent Business and Technician Education Council.

These take two years, require a minimum of one A-level for entry and can be converted into a degree where there is a suitable equivalent. Likewise, a student on a degree course can if necessary switch the qualification to a diploma by finishing after two years. None of this flexibility is available at a university.

A polytechnic student, believe it or not, has to work harder than at university. Terms are three weeks longer on average and the work is more rigorously structured. The popular "modular" courses, made up of

term-long units on a mix-and-match basis, keep students on a constant exam "high" as they are assessed at the end of each module.

The rules of entry — except in the high-pressure law, accountancy and business studies courses — are not as strict as those in universities. The polys are working hard to open higher education to people with unconventional qualifications; there are a number of small specific ventures such as Lancashire Polytechnic's new engineering and technology introductory course for young women with no formal qualifications in maths or physics.

The biggest threat to recruitment is from industry, but the

polys also fear a brain drain of their own researchers to the universities. Two years ago an entire high technology research team doing pioneering work in semiconductors for computers was enticed, after 15 years in the City of London Polytechnic, to Warwick University.

"We are living on old loyalties now," says Dr Rickett. "When polys began, with great hopes, the salaries were very good and attracted some very good people. Now the gap is unacceptably wide."

Nevertheless, top schools, both public and private, are advising more and more pupils to put polys at the top of their list of preferences, favouring Oxford, Bristol, Portsmouth and Kingston-upon-Thames as smarter choices. At these polys, the students are of much the same type, academically, as those at non-Oxbridge universities. But each place on a popular course may attract 70 to 100 applicants and even the best schools are not always lucky — 30 Etonians applied to Oxford Poly last year without success.

Students are said to apply to Oxford Poly because they want to tell their friends that they studied in Oxford and expect to be able to mix in university circles. They are often disappointed. Paradoxically, there is far more contact between poly and university students at the large, metropolitan polys such as Leeds or Birmingham, which share student union facilities with their neighbouring universities.

Hatfield is another yuppy haven — a suburban poly with well-established connections with the aeronautical industry. Kingston has one of the best art and design departments in the country. Two polytechnics on the south coast, Portsmouth and Plymouth, are highly rated.

The polys have still a long way to go before the stigma of a "only went to a poly, I'm afraid" is lifted. But there are glimmers of hope. Another poly director told me with some relish how he and his neighbouring university were recently banqueting by the British chairman of a multinational company for whom both institutions were tailoring courses to its staff needs. The chairman paid a few compliments to the assembled university academics — and then turned to the polytechnic staff. "But, of course," he said, "the polytechnics actually deliver."

A to Z

There are 30 polytechnics in Britain, ranging from modern, purpose-built campuses, to groups of old-fashioned, widely spread buildings which involve students in journeys of 10 miles or more between lectures.

At the best, you can expect high academic standards, often with close practical links to the business and professional communities in their areas.

Sites vary widely. Leeds boasts some of the finest academic buildings in the country. North Staffordshire is split between two towns of different characters 20 miles apart. Stafford and Stoke-on-Trent. Newcastle claims the best library services in the north-east, together with a satellite link to Europe and the USSR for its modern language students.

At some of the poorest, look forward to no more than adequate libraries, ancient labs, heavy boozing in the students' union, and extreme left politics.

Accommodation and recreation can vary greatly, according to area. As a first-year student, you might find yourself given a noisier quality rooms on the campus. If not, start looking early for a place of your own, and expect to pay a small fortune.

BIRMINGHAM	
Numbers: 5,500. M/F ratio 1:1.	
Courses: Largest fields computing, engineering, design and business studies.	
Study: Diversity of subject and increasingly modular. International centre for study of Down's Syndrome.	
BRIGHTON	
Numbers: 4,500. M/F 1:1.	
Courses: Largest fields art and design, education, engineering, management, natural sciences and social studies.	
Study: One of four top polys favoured for employer sponsorship.	
BRISTOL	
Numbers: 6,000. M/F 1:1.	
Courses: Largest fields art and design, education, engineering and surveying. High reputation.	
Study: One of four top polys favoured for employer sponsorship.	
CENTRAL LONDON	
Numbers: 4,000, a quarter mature students. M/F 1:1.	
Courses: Largest fields engineering, science, built environment and business studies.	
Study: Centre for paramedical education, only poly providing vocational training for barristers.	
CITY OF LONDON	
Numbers: 3,900. M/F 3:2.	

COVENTRY	
Numbers: 6,000. M/F 2:1.	
Courses: Largest fields engineering, business studies and sciences. Recommended for engineering, computing, information systems, communications and graphics.	
Study: One of four top polys favoured for employer sponsorship.	
HATFIELD	
Numbers: 4,000, a third over 25. M/F 2:1.	
Courses: Largest fields are engineering, natural sciences and computing.	
Study: One of top polys for academic achievement. Most courses modular. 25% sandwich. Close links with aerospace industry.	
HUDDERSFIELD	
Numbers: 4,600. M/F 3:2.	
Courses: Largest fields humanities, catering, computing and business studies.	
Specialities: text design, transport and distribution, marketing, music and technology.	
Study: Continual assessment varying importance, but on average third of marks.	
KINGSTON	
Numbers: 5,600. M/F 3:2.	
Courses: Largest fields are business studies, computing and chemistry. Science and technology largest department.	
Study: Technological bias and heavy workload. Continuous assessment counts for around half marks. Impressive new library.	
LANCASHIRE	
Numbers: 4,500. M/F 3:2.	
Courses: Largest fields are law, accounting, combined studies, applied social studies and business studies. Excellent reputation for	

LEEDS	
Numbers: 4,000. M/F 1:1.	
Courses: Largest fields education, catering and European languages.	
Study: Strong vocational bias. Unique course in public health.	
LEICESTER	
Numbers: 6,500. M/F 6:5.	
Courses: Largest fields art/design, information technology and business studies. Recommended for computer and business studies.	
Study: Advanced use of computers and good academic reputation. Claims highest employment rate of British polytechnics. Complaints about library stocks. Strong links with textile, fashion, engineering.	
LIVERPOOL	
Numbers: 7,300. M/F 3:2.	
Courses: Largest fields combined studies, business and social studies.	
Study: Courses practical, with time spent in workplace and abroad. Sandwich courses in engineering, science and construction. Average workload, with low drop-out rate.	
MANCHESTER	
Numbers: Over 10,000, up to 40% mature students. M/F 1:1.	
Courses: Six faculties of equal size: no particular bias.	
Study: Traditional exams mixed with continual assessment. High degree of computerisation but library resources stretched. Largest teacher training department in Britain.	
MIDDLESEX	
Numbers: 7,200. M/F 1:1.	
Courses: Six faculties roughly equal sized: art, business studies and management, education, performing arts, engineering, humanities and social sciences. Poor for sciences and technology.	

NEWCASTLE	
Numbers: 8,500. M/F 3:2.	
Courses: Largest fields business studies, education and modern languages. Strong reputation in art and design and social studies.	
Study: Continual assessment usually accounts for 25% of marks. Best library services in region, which includes satellite link-up with Europe and USSR for modern language students.	
NORTH EAST LONDON	
Numbers: 5,200. M/F 3:2.	
Courses: Largest fields are independent study (a unique scheme for suggesting own study programme), education and psychology. Specialities: land surveying, physiotherapy and fashion/marketing. Also unique science fiction research library.	
NORTH LONDON	
Numbers: 5,500, of whom half are mature. M/F 1:1.	
Courses: Used to be biased to social sciences and humanities, but now largest field is science and technology. Also large business school.	
Study: Library adequate but labs old. New computer-aided design and communications centre. Major training centre in leisure and tourism.	
NORTH STAFFS	
Numbers: 5,000, 40% from Midlands. M/F 2:1.	
Courses: Strong vocational bias, with engineering, business studies and computing as largest fields. Highly rated in politics, computing, law, design and advanced manufacturing technology.	
Study: Traditional assessment still predominant in sciences but continual assessment increasing. Importance in all fields. No present plans to merge with Keele University. Unique course in ceramics.	

OXFORD	
Site: Based in Headington and Wheatley. Both sites well-designed and modern.	
Numbers: 4,500. M/F 1:1.	
Courses: Largest fields are catering, business and biology. Architecture and planning departments strong.	
Study: A pioneer of modular courses. Exams every term. Libraries and labs well-equipped, but short of space.	
PLYMOUTH	
Numbers: 5,200. M/F 2:1.	
Courses: Largest fields electrical and communications engineering, biological sciences, environmental sciences and business studies. No humanities courses.	
Study: High proportion take sandwich courses and poly has good employment record. Libraries and computer facilities apparently not keeping up with expansion. New course in fisheries science.	
PORTSMOUTH	
Numbers: 6,500. M/F 2:1.	
Courses: Largest fields are engineering and science. Labs well-equipped.	
Study: One of top four polys favoured for employer sponsorship, and links with armed forces. Has been likened to university: it takes mainly first degree students, the bulk follow single honours degrees, and it relies on orthodox examinations and entrance procedures. High standards.	
SOUTH BANK	
Numbers: 6,500. M/F 2:1.	

SUNDERLAND	
Numbers: 4,500. M/F 2:1.	
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Using the wrong smear tactics?

Screening programmes have cut death rates from cervical cancer by 90 per cent in Canada and 66 per cent in Iceland. Yet in Britain over the past 20 years, despite three million cervical smears a year, the overall death rate has been reduced by only 20 per cent, and in some groups it has risen.

Many reasons have been cited for such poor results — the failure of some GPs to inform women patients about the test; failure to convince them of its importance; failure to target high risk groups, such as older women who do not always realize that if they have ever been sexually active they can still be at risk.

The Department of Health's decision not to pay GPs for taking smears from patients aged under 35 has not helped the younger, high-risk group among whom the disease has increased rapidly in the last two decades.

For whatever reason, there are too many women failing to come forward for a test which is able to detect the possible presence of the disease at the pre-cancer, curable, stage. It is known that between 80 and 90 per cent of the 2,000 women who die from cervical cancer each year have never had a smear.

In view of this, it was a logical step for the Minister of Health to order computerized call-up and re-call systems to be set up in all areas. Many health authorities, however, have been slow to comply, and even when they do it

Most of the 2,000 women in Britain who die from cervical cancer each year have never had a test. Wendy Cooper asks why funding policy has left so many women at risk

is doubtful if there will be sufficient back-up services to enable the scheme to work efficiently.

A disturbing report in the *British Medical Journal* last month, together with two new studies published in the same issue, confirms this, making it clear that inadequate funding with restricted colposcopy services are forcing doctors to adopt dangerous compromises that put women's lives at risk.

Examination by colposcope, an optical instrument through which the cervix can be directly viewed, is the essential second stage of investigation that should follow a suspect smear. It is necessary not only to determine whether pre-cancer is actually present, but if so what grade of lesion and what treatment is appropriate.

In many areas, pressure on colposcopy clinics is so great that immediate referral has to be

reserved for women whose smears show severe abnormality, (severe dyskaryosis). For those with smears showing only "moderate" dyskaryosis, there are often weeks of waiting before a colposcope check can be done.

For women whose smears are defined only as "mild", or where they fall into the least serious category, "inflammatory", there is often no follow-up investigation at all. The worried woman is simply asked to have another smear a year later.

The studies published in the *BMJ* applied colposcope investigation to all abnormal smears among two groups of women, in London and Glasgow. The Glasgow group reported pre-cancer (grade 2 and 3) in 18 out of 104 cases, where smears had been termed either inflammatory or "mild" dyskaryotic.

Except in a few favoured areas with exceptional facilities, such patients would normally have been told to await the outcome of another smear in 12 months. The study estimated that relying on such repeat smears would have resulted in an 11.7 per cent false negative rate — in other words, failure to pick up threatening pre-cancer conditions.

A similar underestimate of pre-cancer was found in the London study. Again, colposcope examination and biopsy revealed similar levels of pre-cancer among women whose smears were mildly dyskaryotic, and also in seven out of 28 patients with only inflammatory type smears.

These chilling results show that



Wendy Hoyle

all women with mild dyskaryotic smears or persistent inflammatory smears must be referred for colposcope examination. Unfortunately, as the *BMJ* points out, this would overwhelm existing services, already stretched to the limit in many areas.

The report acknowledges that an extension of colposcopy services is unlikely, and that the answer will again be the compromise one of recalling such women in three to six months for a repeat smear. If that still shows any abnormality, however mild, colposcopy and biopsy must then be carried out. If the repeat smear shows no abnormality, another would be taken in 12 months. It is admitted to be a poor

compromise, not only because it means further waiting, but because the Glasgow study came up with another disconcerting figure — 12 per cent of women with mild dyskaryosis first time round and only a negative smear on later repeat screening, were nevertheless found to have some degree of pre-cancer when they were given colposcope investigation and biopsy as part of the special study procedure.

Dr Robert Yule, head of Cancer Pathology (Cytology) at Christie Hospital, Manchester, and a member of the Medical Advisory Committee for the Women's National Cancer Control Campaign, said the findings were no surprise.

"In some parts of the country, even women with severely ab-

normal smears are waiting up to six months for investigation, because of the shortage of colposcopes and doctors trained to use them. Our screening service is hopelessly underfunded and a disgrace to a so-called advanced nation. We spend less of our gross national product on health than any other western country."

At the WNCCC headquarters, spokeswoman Bretonny Mundy said: "These new findings underline the weaknesses in the system and the need for a continued campaign for better facilities and follow-up. Meanwhile it's important that women shouldn't be discouraged from taking smear tests — the system is far from perfect but it still saves lives."

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Aids and jobs

Mr Norman Fowler, the new Secretary of State for Employment, has made it clear that there should be no discrimination against employees with the HIV virus. But do the employment laws offer enough protection to Aids carriers?

At a Confederation of British Industry conference this week, Mr David Pannick, a barrister, cited the case of an unfair dismissal claim by a homosexual cinema projectionist, who was sacked because his colleagues feared they might contract Aids. An industrial tribunal rejected the claim.

Although an employer cannot dismiss someone merely because he knows or suspects him to be infected with the virus, some groups of workers — such as doctors and nurses — are on tricky ground, as their jobs could involve the risk of infecting others. Pannick said: "In such jobs it may well be considered fair to dismiss an infected employee for the protection of others."

An employer cannot legally justify dismissal on grounds of pressure from the workforce involving strikes or industrial action, but if the pressure takes other forms, such as disruption due to the breakdown of working relationships, then a tribunal can rule that the dismissal is fair.

Pannick believes that Britain should introduce laws similar to those in the United States, which prohibit discrimination against the handicapped.

Jill Sherman

Brittle bones

More than 50 per cent of women will suffer a spontaneous fracture of the bone in their later years. Many elderly women suffer from the less dramatic presentations of osteoporosis, the excessive bone loss common after menopause, and have to tolerate a shrinking stature and the pain from spinal nerve root pressure resulting from a collapsing spinal column. Continuing to take brisk exercise during, and after middle age, helps; a reasonable calcium intake is essential, but there is considerable doubt if extra calcium is beneficial, and too much alcohol increases osteoporosis.

But essentially the problem is hormonal, and the only effective way of controlling it is hormone replacement therapy. Not all women need to take hormones in later life. A report in the *Lancet* of a study by doctors in Denmark, demonstrates that it is possible at the time of the menopause to detect, by pho-

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ton absorptiometry of the forearm bone mineral content and by biochemical studies, which women will be fast bone losers, and therefore most likely to benefit from hormone replacement therapy.

Albinism test

Albinism is not a crippling problem in temperate climates; the pale skin, pink eyes and fair hair may attract stares and the patients suffer terribly from glare, find it difficult to judge distance and depth and have poor, patchy vision, but the lack of pigment is not life threatening. In the Third World where protection from the sun is almost impossible, their skin is subjected to almost continuous damage from the sun's rays; as a result malignant change is common and few albinos survive to the age of 40.

A recent *Lancet* carries a report on advances in the prenatal diagnosis of albinism — although this is pointless unless the parents want to consider abortion. Studies have shown that, however inconve-

nient albinism may be in temperate zones, sufferers often perform better than their normal siblings and many have proved particularly good at finance.

Watch the baby

Walking frames to help convert crawlers into toddlers have been made for at least 200 years, and for as long as they have been in existence they have been criticized. The old-fashioned nanny was convinced that allowing the baby to use its legs too early was bound to result in deformity (there is no evidence of this); more recently doctors have warned that serious accidents, as well as repeated tumbles, can occur to children using them.

A report in the *Archives of Diseases of Children* says that the number of accidents involving baby walkers has increased by 50 per cent in the last 10 years and that all too often the accident occurs when the child is allowed to play without parental supervision.

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Calman is on holiday.

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Rising damp

Has Nigel Lawson gone soft? Yesterday he appointed as his PPS a Tory so wet he drips. As recently as last year, Nigel Forman, vice-chairman of the party's backbench finance committee, was publicly calling on the Chancellor to "give top priority to the unemployment challenge".

Paper tiger

It will be days rather than weeks before Michael Dobbs, Norman Tebbit's chief of staff, departs Central Office. How do I know? First, because he told me so yesterday. Second, because he has been spotted at Smith Square shredding documents.

Good behaviour

Spotted in Wormwood Scrubs chapel, the unusual venue for a prison-book launch earlier this week, was a grand piano, donated after his release by Ivor Novello. He served four weeks during the war for driving a Rolls-Royce without a war transport licence.

● The Solicitors' Journal, which this month published a learned article on libel cases, now knows how it feels to be on the wrong end of one. A writ is on its way over an article accusing American lawyers of ambulance chasing.

Matched pair

There is now more than one Aquascutum fan in the Thatcher family. Having worn the company's tailored styles through the election, the PM has had a word with Denis. Yesterday, he spent lunchtime in its Regent Street shop, examining the shirts and ties on special offer in today's sale.

● Like the dress, dear? It's a genuine Official Receiver

News flash

Ronald Reagan's reluctance to face the press has led to an unusual style of political interviewing. Since journalists can now question him only at so-called photo opportunities, they have perfected the technique of shouting their inquiries from afar while Reagan poses with various dignitaries or is running in his helicopter.

In the main, the founding fathers opted for the English model, but looked backwards rather than forwards, to the England of a romanticized past, largely as seen through the eyes of Montesquieu, who himself was looking even further back to the reign of William III.

Overwrapped

A word of warning for readers who live outside the EEC thinking of reclaiming VAT on goods bought while on holiday here. A Californian, Michael Strieby, has sent me his refunded cheques totalling £14.97, asking me to give them to a charity of my choice, because his local bank would charge more than the face value to convert them into dollars.

Child abuse: the elusive truth

by David M. Paul

The natural revulsion to the often appalling allegations in child sex abuse cases means that any doctor called upon to examine an alleged victim must exercise exceptional care in the manner in which the entire medical examination is conducted.

Medico-legal diagnosis depends upon the physical signs found at the medical examination being consistent with the history given or obtained relating to the incident under investigation, and with the symptoms complained of by the alleged victim. It follows that, if there is inconsistency between the physical signs and the history, the diagnosis must be in doubt.

As in the field of more general child abuse, by far the most common incidence of sexual abuse is domestic, where the abuser or abusers are more closely related to the abused child. The next most common type of abuse is semi-domestic, where the abuser or abusers may be more distant relatives, family, friends, guardians or baby-sitters.

Within my own clinical experience, these two groups account for some 80 per cent of all cases of sexual abuse of children in which I have been called upon to examine or advise. Only about 20 per cent of the cases in my own experience have involved comparative strangers or total strangers.

This explains one of the examining doctor's problems, for it is usually in the 20 per cent "stranger or comparative stranger" situation that the doctor is called upon to examine the abuser, while the situation is still fresh and before all physical signs have resolved and physical scientific evidence has been destroyed by the passage of time and cleansing.

In the domestic and the semi-domestic case, the doctor is almost invariably asked to examine an allegedly sexually abused child long after the alleged incident or incidents have taken place, and frequently after many other agencies have already been involved.

It must be obvious that the sooner the medical examination is undertaken, and the sooner the relevant samples are obtained, the greater is the chance of reaching a correct diagnosis. Any delay in submitting the child for medical examination leads almost invariably to reduction or to total resolution of all physical signs and to the invariable loss of all relevant physical scientific evidence for the laboratory.

Taking details of the alleged incident presents particular problems because of the child's shyness and embarrassment, compounded by a limited vocabulary, and the fear that it may be thought to have been "naughty" and to blame. Some cardinal rules must be followed:

● The examining doctor must have great patience; it may often take an hour or more to get to know the child before the specific matters involved can even be reached.

● The doctor must make himself aware of what the child calls the various parts of the anatomy that may be involved. This information may be obtained from the child itself, or from the relatives.

● In the case of very young children the doctor has to obtain what information he can from relatives, social workers, police officers, and sometimes from other children. In all such situa-

tion he must remember that the accounts given to him are often grossly inaccurate such a history must always be viewed with great suspicion. With children over four it is usually possible to obtain a reasonable history directly from the child.

● The doctor should never ask direct questions when the child's initial account of allegations is being taken. Children, once at ease with their questioner, tend to provide the answers to direct questions in the way they think the questioner would like them to. They watch the questioner's face to see if their answer pleases and will modify the answer if they think they see a look of disapproval, disbelief, or boredom.

● Only after the main allegations have been volunteered by the child is it permissible to ask some direct questions. These questions should not be aimed at increasing the number or type of allegations that have been made, but are designed solely to clarify certain parts of the history which could assist in the corroboration or otherwise of the allegations.

● If the child has named the abuser spontaneously in the initial account, it is quite correct for the examining doctor to ask the child for confirmation of that name subsequently, but it is entirely wrong to suggest the identity of any individual to the child before it has indicated the identity of the abuser without prompting.

● Dolls can play a very useful part in discovering the story, but I believe that they should be used only after the child has given its own unprompted account of the alleged incident or incidents.

Ronald Butt

Tax lessons from 1380

The Queen's Speech today will announce the first poll tax we have had for 600 years. History never repeats itself but it teaches lessons, and those we can learn from the tax levied in 1380 offer more illumination than reassurance.

It was the work of a parliament which met at Northampton and was unusually thinly attended, lacking many experienced councillors who might have advised against the most disastrous attempt at tax raising by any medieval English parliament. It was winter, accommodation and fuel were scarce and the weather was atrocious.

"Outragious floods" had been caused by "great and continual rains", as the clerk recorded, and bad roads delayed the arrival of Lords and Commons and the opening of parliament. Even when proceedings began, few lords were present. Many were on the Scottish border with John of Gaunt negotiating a truce.

The Commons had repeatedly been asked for money to meet the chronic financial crisis of the time. Now they were told by the chancellor that once more the king was "outrageously" in debt and even his jewels might have to be sold. Three options were considered: a poll tax on every male and female, "the strong aiding the weak", a sales tax on merchandise, and the conventional medieval tax on moveable goods.

The last of these fell heaviest on the smaller landowners they largely represented, so this time they chose the poll tax. It was the fuse which exploded in the Peasants' Revolt in the following year. There had been a poll tax a couple of years earlier, but that had been graded so that every man paid according to his wealth and degree, from the Duke of Lancaster (10 marks), earls and the mayor of London (£4) down to 4d to be paid by everyman and his wife, except for "veritable beggars", who paid nothing.

But the poll tax of 1380 was at a flat rate three times higher than the former minimum levied on every adult over 15, and no means were devised to enable the rich to aid the poor. Where there were few rich men, the poor were especially hard hit (as in the cities). There was much evasion, which led to inquiries into personal circumstances, which caused even deeper resentment. The Peasants' Revolt, during which the head of the poor chancellor, Archbishop Sudbury of Canterbury, was hacked off by the mob, shook the social system. No poll tax has been tried since.

The objectives of the "community charge" of 1987 are admirable to replace rates which are unfair as between individuals and which enable high-spending local authorities to penalize non-voting businesses and so destroy jobs. The proposal to make businesses subject to a "uniform business rate" levied equally throughout the country and distributed according to the number of the area's adult residents, is good sense and will help promote inner-city jobs. The individual poll tax is another matter.

It, too, is to be levied without regard to income. The person on £8,000 will pay the same as the

person on £80,000. People on a social security will pay at a reduced rate of 20 per cent of the local community charge, collecting from the state, as an addition to their social benefits, a sum equal to 20 per cent of the national average poll tax.

But if they are in a high-spending borough they will still be out of pocket. If they live in Camden, for instance, the highest spender of all, they will pay 20 per cent of the local community charge (about £750 annually) so that they would be due to pay about £150. But they would get from social security only 20 per cent of the national average community charge, now about £200. So they would collect only £40, leaving them £110 to pay.

This is supposed to give them an incentive to vote their high-spending, money-wasting local authority out of office. It assumes a questionable degree of political sophistication in many such people. But what of those who vote against the high-spending authority and still fail to get it out? Is it fair to penalize, say, a single parent with three children on social security who happens to live in Camden, compared with her equivalent in Wembley?

What will be the public response if she suddenly finds her social security income effectively cut by anything up to £110? If she defaults, will the local authority disstrain her goods or eventually have her sent to jail? Or will it simply add the default to its mounting debts and blame the Tory government?

The scheme, devised because a local income tax was found to be not feasible, has all the hallmarks of a bright idea adopted before all the details (which, of course, include the difficulty of chasing up people who move often) have been thought out.

The bulk of the money raised by the poll tax will go to pay for what are essential services, education, fire and police, which are laid on local authorities by central government. But what is the logic of having these national services paid for by an inequitable flat rate when other national services (defence, for instance) are paid for by a graduated income tax?

A more sensible plan would be to remove the national services which are now paid for locally to the Exchequer, leaving the local authorities to raise the money for such smaller items as refuse collection, street lighting, parks and libraries, for which some kind of poll tax might be acceptable and which would expose wasteful spending more easily.

It will be said that the only accountable kind of local government is that which raises money as well as spends it. But this is the theory of another age, before the unwieldy inner city authorities which do not have real local identities. Why should the accountability of a local authority and its performance not be tested by the way in which it spends money allocated by a proper formula from the centre? Fortunately, the Tory backbenchers will not be kept away from this Westminster parliament by bad weather or trouble on the border.

however... Paul Jennings

Lick yourself a micro master

Have you ever wondered what happened to the painters who used to vie for the title "This Year's Problem Picture" at the Royal Academy, an outdated category now that they are all either insoluble or so innocuous as not to come anywhere near being a Problem?

Clearly they had enough sense of the wonder and strangeness of the world to want, in however vague and British a way, to show it in Problem terms; but they knew instinctively it was no use trying to emulate Dali and other Surrealists with bent watches, big cardboard faces in perspexed Mexican desert, women with three breasts, and the rest of it.

What they have done is to enter Surrealism by the back door, so to speak, by designing all these huge new stamps that come out every few weeks, in a technique to which it is high time we applied the term Polymicroism. This means, in general, getting an enormous amount of detail, often so detailed as to be invisible to the naked eye — or, who knows, intentionally subliminal? — on to a stamp.

I'm willing to bet that millions of people, buying the Halley's Comet stamp, though, if they looked at it at all, "Oh, a badger — now I look, it's more like a porcupine. Must be something to do with Nature." Well, in a way it was, but you had to look very closely to see that those apparent quills were the comet's tail.

Well, now, as any reader of this paper will know from the 4 1/4 in x 3 1/4 in enlargement printed on the date of issue of the present series, the St John Ambulance 22p is a perfect example of Polymicroism. The first impression is one of mysterious nursery, fairytale magic, with dolls. There is more than a hint of Petrouchka about the prone boy figure.

But no, he is wearing pyjamas and dressing-gown, for the small print says "First aid in wartime"; he is an air-raid casualty. Yet the vague jumble behind him could just as well be random spillage from dressing-up or toy boxes as the bomb rubble a

magnifying glass examination apparently shows it to be. The nurse, kneeling with stiff, doll-like arms, has a curiously pre-war look, with that hat, and I would date the ambulance at about 1929.

But of course it's the 18p that most of us are going to be looking at, and this has even more of the strange polymicroist ambivalence.

To begin with, there is something unmistakably French about it. Perhaps the immediate impression is that gendarmes are carrying away the body of a poor lonely washerwoman on a two-wheeled pauper's bier. It is Christmas time, as the pathetic scraps of bunting she had picked up and saved from public Bastille Day celebrations indicate, together with the barely touched Christmas pudding in the foreground.

The miscellaneous dark-colored things still on the line at the top show the kind of washing she usually took in; but the white ribbon and four white bobbles, barely visible to the naked eye, are the remains of a tremendously chic and expensive hat she had rashly contracted to clean, though it was beyond her poor skills to reassemble it after the unpicking necessary for the washing, and some frightful haute bourgeoisie owner had charged her its full value, causing either heart failure or the poor old thing's actual suicide.

However, closer inspection reveals that it isn't washing at the top but the back view of the legs of spectators, one on tiptoe in new shoes, another an Edwardian lady with a yellow parasol. But in front of the tiptoe man there is someone with footware very much of our own time, black with very thick, white, bobby stitching of the kind you see in high-class sports shops, or those used by Hell's Angel types. And if you look carefully you'll see the hand of the arm in the sleeve of the figure on the bier is clutching not the other arm but an empty white glove. The whole thing is a dummy.

Oh, by the way, what's that little silver silhouette of Mozart doing in the top right-hand corner?

Lord Hailsham, the former Lord Chancellor, makes a constitutional contrast — and finds Westminster's basic model still the best

Democracies divergent

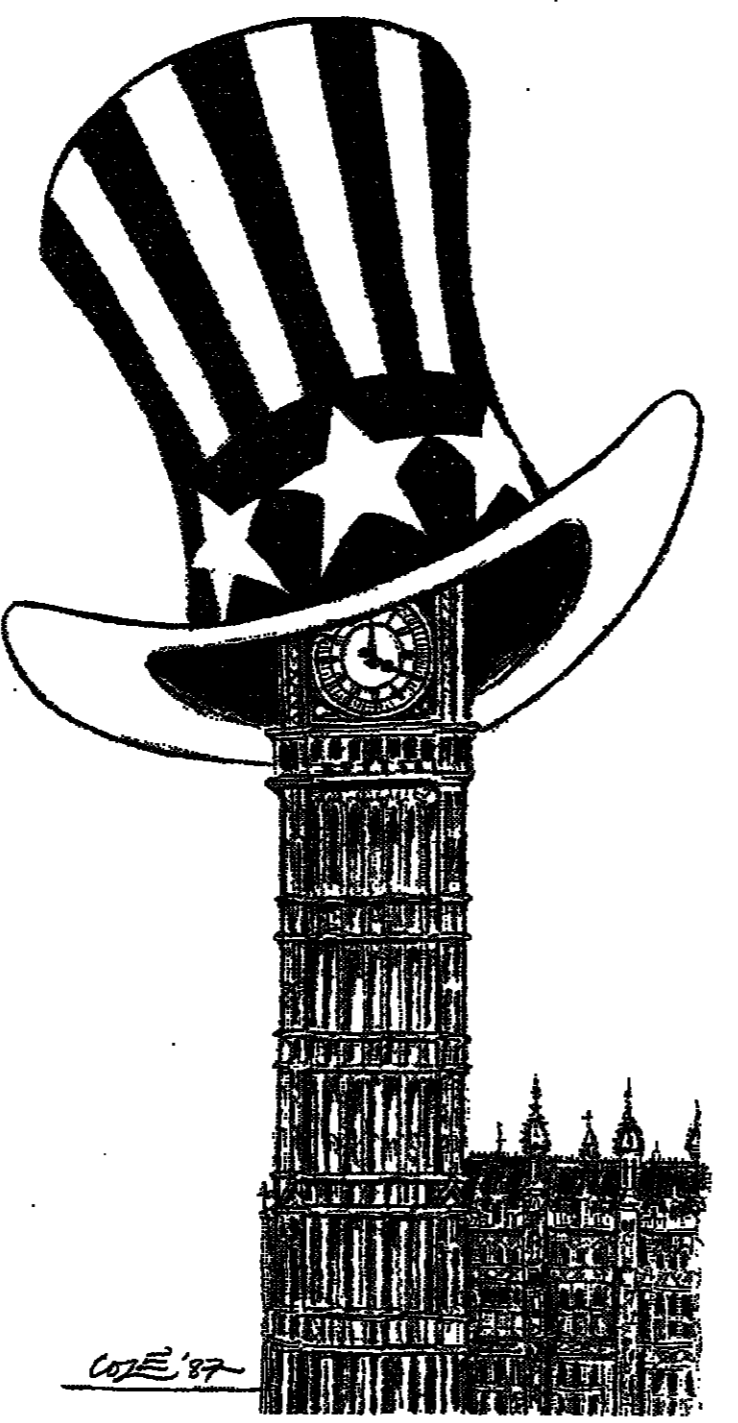
Constitutions are of two kinds, the traditional, based on mystique, immemorial usage and convention, and the contrived, based on some definite political occurrence and reflecting the received wisdom of the time of their creation. The British constitution is of the first type, the American of the second. But since the American was largely based on the contemporary perception of its founding fathers about the true nature of the British, or more specifically the English, political experience, comparisons of the two structures after 200 years are both interesting and instructive.

The successful conclusion of the war of independence had left the 13 former colonies as a loose alliance of sovereign states bound by articles of confederation, but with some embryonic common institutions. They had, however, no unified nationality, no head of state, no central government, no currency, no common system of taxation, no central judiciary, and no constitution. In other words they possessed no assured common future, nor the necessary apparatus for survival. Yet they perceived themselves as a nation in the making.

Two hundred years ago this year, in the four months between May and September 1787, the delegates who troubled to attend the convention at Philadelphia achieved a document only seven articles long which, with its 26 amendments (including the 18th of evil memory) has stood the test of two centuries of existence, survived a civil war accommodated within the vast confines of an unsettled continent to the west an unparalleled flood of immigration, and finally emerged in the 20th century as the constitutional framework for a world power of unique military strength and economic sophistication.

It is, therefore, small wonder that its citizens regard the document which emerged at Philadelphia with almost superstitious veneration, and the remarkable men who drafted its clauses in the hot summer of 1787 as something near the description of "demigods", with which Thomas Jefferson saluted them from Paris.

All these they rejected as obsolete or corrupt and from the sheer necessities of the case opted for federation, then a unique and almost untried expedient, universal male suffrage of free citizens, a bicameral system with an elected senate, like the House of Lords based on territorial influence but without its hereditary principle.



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perception of what they considered to be the legitimate prerogatives of William III, but without any hereditary succession, and limited it by a series of imaginative constitutional checks and balances, including the restraints of an independent judiciary.

The outcome was a remarkable tour de force, entirely novel in its totality, though its English origin, filtered through the rationalist spirit of the age of enlightenment, is still clearly visible.

What, however, the founding fathers failed to perceive, or if they did perceive it, discarded it, as a recent corruption, was that the cabinet system was the true growing point of the British constitution, and that the hereditary monarchy, retaining its mystique, abandoning its pretensions to rule, but maintaining its right to reign, had at least as much power of survival as the new American constitution itself.

decision in the mid-1850s on the status of slaves, the Supreme Court has generally justified its existence as the independent guardian and interpreter of the constitution, founding the extent of its jurisdiction on the Marbury v Madison judgment, and its powers on the first 10 amendments of the constitution (the so-called "Bill of Rights") passed by Congress immediately after the ratification by the states of the original seven articles, and finally, on the so-called "right of judicial review" which in the last 20 years has at last invaded the English courts.

Whether it is advantageous for Congress to possess only limited powers of legislation or the Senate to have prerogatives putting it on a level with the House of Representatives are matters on which, as one who has lived within the flexibility of Congress's British cousin, I have some reservations.

Having an American mother, my US half fears the danger of the elective dictatorship which results from the combined effect of the cabinet system, the absence of a true Bill of Rights, and a wholly dominant House of Commons. But my British half relishes the flexibility of the British as distinct from the rigidity of the American model, admires the effective requirement that cabinet ministers should predominantly have parliamentary experience, and universally is required to be, or to become, members of one House or the other.

Neither half is wholly able to foresee the ultimate effect on parliament or the courts of our entry into the Common Market or our adherence to the European Convention on Human Rights. Both halves are profoundly suspicious of attempts to graft the American use of select committees on to cabinet government. My British half strongly admires the institution of the hereditary monarchy, separating the functions of the head of state from those of the head of government, supplying the elements of continuity, mystique, and a guarantee of constitutional stability in preference to the American model, which combines what in my own eyes are the wholly incompatible roles of constitutional head of state and leader of the political party in power.

Both models have demonstrated their power of survival over the past two centuries. Neither the American nor the British model takes full account of one further essential difference. This consists in the extent to which in Britain constitutional law is largely a matter of pure convention decided ultimately by evolving custom and informed public opinion rather than by strict law as interpreted by the courts, while American constitutional propriety is almost entirely matter for law in its strictest sense as a question for decision by the courts in general and the Supreme Court in particular.

Seen from the outside it is this acceptance of convention which seems to make the British, or at least the English, a nation of cricketers, and the Americans, with their love of their days in court, a nation of litigants.

The only certain fact is that neither the founding fathers in 1787, nor the parliament of George III had the slightest conception of the remarkable sequence of events of the 200 years following their separation, nor the extent to which the separate structure of each, pursuing its own divergent but complementary paths, would influence the political history of the rest of humanity.

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REAL CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

The decision by the Civil and Public Services Association to ballot its members on all-out strike action in pursuit of an improved pay offer...

When the annual pay round began in March, the Government was faced by a common front of five unions unanimously rejecting an initial offer of 4 per cent.

This quid pro quo produced a deal worth between 11 and 16 per cent over two years, giving substance to the managers' arguments...

The unions were divided by influences more powerful than the rhetoric which brought them together. The First Division Association, for example...

It is the Militant-dominated CPSA which is now left isolated. But as it prepares for the fight against its last remaining opponent...

than the short term language of victory and defeat. Whitehall's managers need to go a great deal further in the direction they have taken...

This Government has indeed cut civil service numbers, but essentially by a crude shrinking of the existing system. This has had the predictable effect of depressing Whitehall morale...

It is remarkable that while job losses in the civil service are generating so much political heat, the machinery of government is suffering from serious shortages of skills and damagingly high turnover...

The check on managerial freedom lies in the basic agreements between managers and unions over conditions of service. The Government would be well-advised to think further about moving towards the practices which seem to suit contemporary social trends...

Performance-related pay is one kind of progress; structure of service and salary truly related to the needs of government would be even better. The current disarray of the civil service unions, combined with the willingness of the majority of them to consider new approaches...

DEMOCRACY IN WAITING

Yesterday's three-hour meeting between the South Korean leader, President Chun Doo Hwan, and his adversary, Mr Kim Young Sam, head of the opposition Reunification Democratic Party...

That the meeting took place at all was the result of a concession made under pressure by President Chun. After two weeks of uninterrupted civil unrest in Seoul and other cities...

For Kim Young Sam this was nowhere near enough. He dismissed the President's offer to reopen discussion on constitutional reform as a non-concession. In his view, it simply returned the situation to where it had been before the discussion was halted on April 13.

Kim Young Sam emerged from his meeting with the President angry, and with the opposition's demands intact. His mood was not improved by the delay in releasing Kim Dae Jung from house arrest.

After the abortive encounter it is easy to suggest formulae that might provide a way out of the impasse. The opposition might extend the timetable for reform beyond the coming presidential elections.

The opposition believes that it has President Chun on the run. It has gained the release of

Kim Dae Jung who was once sentenced to death for sedition. It has forced the President into talks. The United States has been concerned enough to send its senior official with responsibility for policy in North-east Asia to see the situation for himself...

President Chun Doo Hwan's position is not, however, as weak as his opponents would wish. Comparisons with ex-President Marcos of the Philippines are tempting, but also misleading.

The President's opponents are, by and large, university students and sections of the middle classes, not workers and not people in the countryside. The base of the opposition has broadened somewhat in recent weeks...

Nor are the Americans likely to replace their client quite as summarily as they did in the Philippines. The strategic importance of South Korea, which is a bulwark against the communist North and the Soviet Union...

The interests of the United States lie in keeping South Korea economically and militarily strong, while at the same time edging it towards democracy. The interests of President Chun and his party lie in halting the present eruption of civil unrest, ensuring a peaceful and constitutional transfer of power next February...

At present, the interests of the opposition seem to lie in fomenting unrest; but this is a tactic, not the objective. The objective is to make South Korea a more democratic and stable country, and that is an objective all those involved in South Korea purport to share.

Privatising airlines

From Sir Ross Stainton. Sir, Your article yesterday (June 19), "Turning silver to gold", based on Lord King's lecture to the Institute of Directors, is a timely and colourful statement on the success of privatisation.

Lord King alleges that senior managers were reluctant to allow interference from an outside chairman. Since the chairman was, over the years, almost without exception appointed from outside and served as the principal spokesman of the board to the Government, communication would have come to a halt if his presence and participation had been regarded by management as interference. It never was.

For example, in 1971 the Government ordered the transfer of some of BOAC's routes to Caledonian, a process since repeated. This was hardly the behaviour of an "owner" and the airline was never compensated. Such actions made, from the viewpoint of the airline, a strong case for privatisation.

The pride of the staff lay, as it still does, in loyalty serving a high standard of public service, not self-service. In technical standards, operating performance and punctuality, concern for the customer and overall quality as good as any of the world's airlines and sometimes better.

Overmanned the airline certainly was, largely through Government-backed union action in

the aftermath of the merger during the mid-70s. Improvement in productivity was painfully slow, and aggravated by declining traffic. Despite intense efforts in the late seventies, fundamental improvement only became possible with the changed labour climate of the early eighties...

My book, The Sacred Mushroom and the Cross ("After 2,000 years, a call for action", June 6). My book was not directed towards proving that "Judaism and Christianity were derived from a mushroom-worshipping cult".

ROSS SJAJINTON (past Chairman, British Airways), Tees Green, 23 Prior Road, Camberley, Surrey, June 20.

Opera plan for Covent Garden

From the General Director of the Royal Opera House. The recent screening of La Bohème on the Covent Garden piazza (report, June 10) has opened wide the doors of the Royal Opera House...

Such delay, if it occurs, could well be the end of the project because of our present inability to continue to finance it and a public enquiry which would surely follow. We need planning consent now so that we can operate from a strong and secure base.

The notion that we would be unable to arrange further public screenings on the piazza when the project is completed is quite false. The reconstruction of the east end of the piazza will not lessen the width of the existing street...

The weather is a hazard for this kind of venture, but it is worth noting that, with the co-operation of Alternative Arts, the screen could be moved to the portico of St Paul's church at the west end of the piazza...

In both places the screen could be seen by several thousand people as opposed to the limited number who could be admitted to the spaces indicated in recently published proposals. Yours faithfully, JOHN TOOLEY, General Director, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2, June 23.

La Bohème, relayed on a giant screen to the hordes in the Covent Garden piazza. At a stroke this bold experiment has shown that Covent Garden is appropriate as a centre of London's cultural life...

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From Dr R. A. W. Allberry. Sir, Norman St John-Stevens writes today (June 22) of the success of the recent Royal Opera House experiment in relaying a performance of La Bohème...

From the President of the Londoners' Society. Sir, What greater irony could there be than the position in which the Royal Opera House finds itself after its hugely successful venture into popular culture...

Election echoes

From Mr Harry Greenwood, MP for Ealing North (Conservative). Sir, Perhaps last month's call of the British Council of Churches and others for public meetings for all constituency candidates should be examined...

I have become doubtful as to the value of such meetings for the Christians for whom they are intended. Is it really good that Christians should be summoned to meetings to put moral questions to candidates...

Would it not be better if Christians attended the rough-and-tumble public meetings of candidates on their separate political platforms like members of all other faiths? Yours etc, HARRY GREENWAY, House of Commons, June 15.

From Dr Michael Goldsmith. Sir, I was saddened to hear of Mr Anthony Kraus's experience (June 19) of the problems of the elderly and infirm at polling stations in north London.

The problems, which are very real and caused by the use of schools and other such unsuitable buildings as polling stations, are to be found nationwide.

The nature of God

From Mr David C. C. Watson. Sir, "As with science, so with theology." Thus Canon Stanesby (June 13) seeks to perpetuate the popular myth that things visible and invisible are equally open to human investigation.

Newtonian physics can be tested by experiment and observation. The Incarnation cannot. But millions have proved that Christ is indeed "relevant to human needs" and we need search no further for truth.

Clifford Longley was right (article, June 8) to criticise the authors of We Believe in God for their "lack of critical reflection on themselves".

Mushroom and Cross

From Mr John M. Allegro. Sir, I am sorry to note that your New York Correspondent considers that my "academic reputation was largely destroyed" in 1970 by my book, The Sacred Mushroom and the Cross ("After 2,000 years, a call for action", June 6).

Defects in the whaling rules

From Professor R. J. H. Beverton, FRS, and Professor R.M. Anderson, FRS. Sir, Sir Peter Scott's decision (June 20) to return his Order of the Falcon to the Icelandic Government over the issue of "scientific whaling" highlights the confusion of logic and emotion that has characterised the deliberations of the International Whaling Commission for nearly two decades.

The IWC was set up to achieve the maximum sustainable utilisation of whale stocks as a resource — a policy which, if properly implemented, would by definition safeguard the future of those stocks.

To meet these criteria demands accurate and comprehensive knowledge of the productivity of the various stocks. Much can be learnt about whales by modern techniques without killing them and in certain local coastal populations it may be possible to obtain the necessary data of age-composition, maturation and pregnancy rates by keeping all individuals under continuous observation.

From Dr Robert G. W. Prescott. Sir, While sharing the concern of your recent correspondents for the predicament of the National Maritime Museum and its staff, I cannot accept Mr Edward Wright's view (June 12) that the Department of Transport's decision to base the new archaeological diving unit at the University of St Andrews rather than the National Maritime Museum was "mistaken and shortsighted".

Nautical heritage

The unit assists the department with the administration of the Protection of Wrecks Act, 1973, by reporting on the condition and historical significance of wrecks in British territorial waters.

In opting for St Andrews the department no doubt considered our record of 14 years' research on underwater sites from the Bronze Age to the 18th century, under the able direction of Dr Colin Martin. It seems they also accepted that, in these days of modern communications, a mobile unit which aims to cover British seas from Muckle Flugga to the Scillies gains no particular advantage from being based in London.

From Professor Philip Rhodes. Sir, Absolute confidentiality between doctor and patient has not been possible for many decades. It is based on the myth, dear to the hearts of many doctors, of the one-to-one doctor-patient relationship. This can nowadays be true for the simplest of ailments...

Care and confidence

Obviously the size of the team must be kept to the minimum compatible with appropriate patient care, and all of its members must be (as indeed virtually all of them are) aware of the duty of confidentiality. The team has a need, perhaps a right, to know all the problems presented by the patient. The need is not for their protection but so that they shall all understand what is required of them for helping the patient to the best of their abilities.

From Miss E. H. Dale. Sir, Perhaps Mrs Severn (June 22) should try Pall Mall before judging London clubs too harshly. One at least has been known to bring tea to a guest at the end of a festive dinner. It appeared on the table in a homely brown teapot, served as cheerfully as the coffee poured from elegant silverware.

Travellers are broadminded. Yours faithfully, E. H. DALE, 22 Shinfield Road, Reading, Berkshire.

ON THIS DAY

June 25 1894. Marie Françoise Sadi Carnot, fourth president of the Third Republic of France, was born at Limoges in 1837. He was elected president in 1897, after the resignation of M. Grévy. Carnot's assassin, an Italian, Sarto Caserio, was executed in August, 1894.

Assassination of President Carnot. LYONS, June 24, 10.15 p.m. ... President Carnot had already entered his carriage when the attack was made upon him by the would-be assassin. After refreshments had been served at the Palais de Commerce the procession which had escorted the President from the Exhibition grounds reformed in the Place des Cordeliers and started for the Grand Theatre, where a gala performance had been arranged in his honour.

An eye witness of the deed who was walking on the pavement level with the President's carriage, accompanied by M. Adrien Dupuy, brother of the Premier and a journalist, states that his attention was attracted by the sudden stoppage of the carriage, and that on looking towards it he saw that the President had fallen back against the cushions and that his face had become livid. Cries were immediately raised that an attempt had been made upon M. Carnot's life and the excitement became intense.

Meanwhile the criminal, who had been felled to the ground by a blow from M. Rivaud, Prefect of the Department of the Rhône, was surrounded by an angry crowd, and cries of "Lyons him!" were heard on all sides.

At 9 o'clock all those invited to be present at the gala performance at the Grand Theatre had taken their seats in the house, which presented a brilliant appearance. The people were impatiently awaiting the arrival of the President of the Republic, when suddenly the news of the attempt was brought in and spread like wildfire through the auditorium.

A few ladies cried out in horror, but the majority of the persons present refused to believe the news. Several Government officials who were present left the theatre immediately to obtain information. It appeared as if nearly all Lyons was at that moment assembled in the Place de la Comédie and in the adjacent streets, so great was the concourse. Suddenly a landau preceded by four mounted gendarmes dashed out of the Rue de la République. It contained M. Adrien Dupuy, M. Chaudéy, Deputy, and M. Rivaud, the Prefect, but the crowd, mistaking it for the President's carriage, immediately raised cries of "Vive Carnot!" "Vive la République!" M. Chaudéy on the right and M. Rivaud on the left thereupon replied, in voices full of emotion, "Do not shout, an attempt has just been made on the life of the President." This reply had an immediate effect upon the crowd. On all sides expressions of execration and vengeance were heard.

The landau continued its way to the Grand Theatre, and on arriving there MM. Rivaud and Chaudéy proceeded to the President's box. On seeing them enter, the audience rose from their seats in a body. M. Rivaud advanced to the front of the box, and said in a voice broken with sobs, "The President of the Republic has been assassinated." The announcement caused the greatest horror among the audience, and cries of "A mort!" "A mort!" "Vengeance!" were heard in all parts of the building...

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 24: The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh...

Miss Helen Hughes was in attendance. The Princess Royal this morning visited the Royal College of Defence Studies...

Her Royal Highness was received by the Commandant (Admiral Sir David Hallifax). Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke...

The Princess Royal, President of the Missions to Seamen, this evening attended a dinner on board HMS Victory at Portsmouth.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Flag Officer, Portsmouth (Admiral Anthony Wheatley), the Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command...

The Princess Royal, attended by Mrs Charles Ritchie, travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight. CLARENCE HOUSE...

June 24: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon unveiled the Memorial to the Second Division at York Minster.

The Lady Grimthorpe, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain Niall Hall were in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE...

June 24: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Regiment of Wales this morning at Kensington Palace received Lieutenant-Colonel D de G Bromhead...

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at the premiere of the film, 'Radio Days'...

Her Royal Highness who travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell. A tribute to Viola Dowager...

Duchess of Westminster will be held at St Michael's, Chester Square, on Tuesday, June 30, at 6.00 pm. Oundle School...

The Oundle School Appeal, launched on October 2, last year, passed its original target of £1,000,000 on June 12, 1987...

Her Royal Highness was received by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor K Gardner) and the Project Director...

£148,500 for Tenniel's Alice drawings

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent. Tenniel's original drawings to illustrate one of the most famous children's books, Through the Looking Glass and What Alice Found There...



Mr Roy Jenkins, walking in procession from his old college, Balliol, to the Sheldonian Theatre yesterday before his installation as Chancellor of Oxford University...

OBITUARY PROFESSOR T. E. HOPE

Linguistics and nautical terms. Professor T. E. (Ted) Hope, DSC, professor of French language and romance philology at Leeds University, died on June 20. He was 64. Thomas Edward Hope was born at Chorley, Lancashire...

MARY DUCHESS OF BEAUFORT

Mary Duchess of Beaufort, widow of the 10th Duke of Beaufort - founder of the Badminton Horse Trials - died on June 23, at Badminton. She was 93. Princess Victoria Constantia...

London Federation of Boys' Clubs

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs, read a lesson at a service of thanksgiving...

Service Dinner

Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785. Admiral Sir Simon Cassels presided at a dinner given by the Royal Navy Club...

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will open Parliament at 11.30; and will attend a concert at the Sheldonian Theatre...

Dinners

Charterhouse War Memorial Trust. The Master of Charterhouse, Mr Eric Harrison, presided at a dinner of the Trustees...

Reception

Carlton Club. The Prime Minister was the principal guest at a reception held at the Carlton Club...

Birthdays today

Mr Peter Blake, painter, 55; Sir Jack Boles, former director-general, National Trust, 62; Dr Noel Copisarow, chairman, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, 67...

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Antonio Gaudi, architect, Rome, Spain, 1852; Walter Hermann Nernst, chemist, Nobel laureate, 1920; Christen, Germany, 1864; Robert Grigine Children, Irish nationalist, author of The Riddle of the Sands...

Eye of Session

The Prime Minister was host at a dinner held at 10 Downing Street yesterday on the eve of the opening of Parliament.

Luncheon

East Africa Association. The High Commissioner for Kenya was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the East Africa Association...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.J. Fuller and Miss J.L. Gazeley. The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs P.R. Fuller...

The Hundred Group

The Hundred Group of Chartered Accountants held a meeting and dinner at the Institute of Chartered Accountants last night.

PROF ALAN MCQUILLAN

Professor Alan McQuillan, who died on June 20 at the age of 66, was one of the small band of metallurgists who created, in the post-war period, the foundations on which the science of materials is now based.

Memorial meeting

A commemoration in words, film and music for the life of Lady Forman was held yesterday at the National Film Theatre...

Replate Worn Silver. USING A REMARKABLE NEW SILVER PLATING FORMULA. Restore your dull, tarnished silverware to its former glory! Includes an image of a silver teapot and a coupon for £11.99.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS. A vertical column of small text containing various personal notices, including birth announcements, marriage reports, and obituaries.

THE ROYAL MARSDEN HOSPITAL

FOCUS

A SPECIAL REPORT By David Loshak

Price of hope is in millions

The Royal Marsden Hospital, a centre of excellence in the treatment of cancer patients, is appealing for £5 million

One of the most important aspects of the Royal Marsden Hospital's new development programme will be advanced facilities for the treatment of gynaecological cancers. This is of particular importance because a quarter of all malignancies in women are cancers of the breast. Cancers of the cervix, ovary and womb together account for a further 15 per cent.

That means the types of cancer that the gynaecological department at the hospital treats, including some rare malignant diseases, together account for nearly a half of all cancers among women in Britain.

Most patients who are referred to the gynaecological department require radiotherapy, chemotherapy or a combination of the two, having already undergone surgery.

But no two patients are the same, and the core team, consisting of the eminent physician Dr Eve Wiltshaw, the consultant surgeon Mr John Shepherd and the radiotherapist Dr Peter Blake, together decide on the detailed multidisciplinary approach in each case.

One of their concerns is the growing incidence of cervical cancer among younger women. Until a generation ago, this disease occurred mainly in women of 40 and over, but it is no longer uncommon even as early as 25.

"It is almost certainly related to the prevalence of unprotected intercourse at an early age, a development since the advent of the Pill," Dr Blake explained. "Cervical cancer is probably caused by certain strains of papilloma virus which are transmitted sexually."

Dr Blake added the significant rider that even with this cancer, smoking is an extra risk factor.

Fortunately, early detection of cervical cancer by means of regular screenings can do much to arrest and cure the disease in its early stages.

However, that is not, unhappily, the case with ovarian cancer, which claims about 2,000 victims in Britain every year.

Because the disease is "silent" for most of its course, without symptoms, it is seldom noticed until at an advanced stage. This militates against the chances of treatment being successful.

But as with many other cancers, quality, if not duration, of life has been enormously improved in recent years. And patients who relapse now do so much later than was once the norm, thanks to meticulously devised regimes of combined treatment, using both drugs



Dr Wiltshaw: on the team

and radiation, probably following surgery — itself less radical and much less mutilating than in the past, notably in breast cancer.

In dealing with gynaecological cancers, as in other forms of cancer, the Royal Marsden places much emphasis on the psycho-social as well as the physical aspects. So much of the distress in cancer can be relieved by giving patients help in the practical aspects of their lives.

For example, the hospital will liaise with a patient's local authority to ensure that handrails are installed in her home, or that Meals on Wheels are provided.

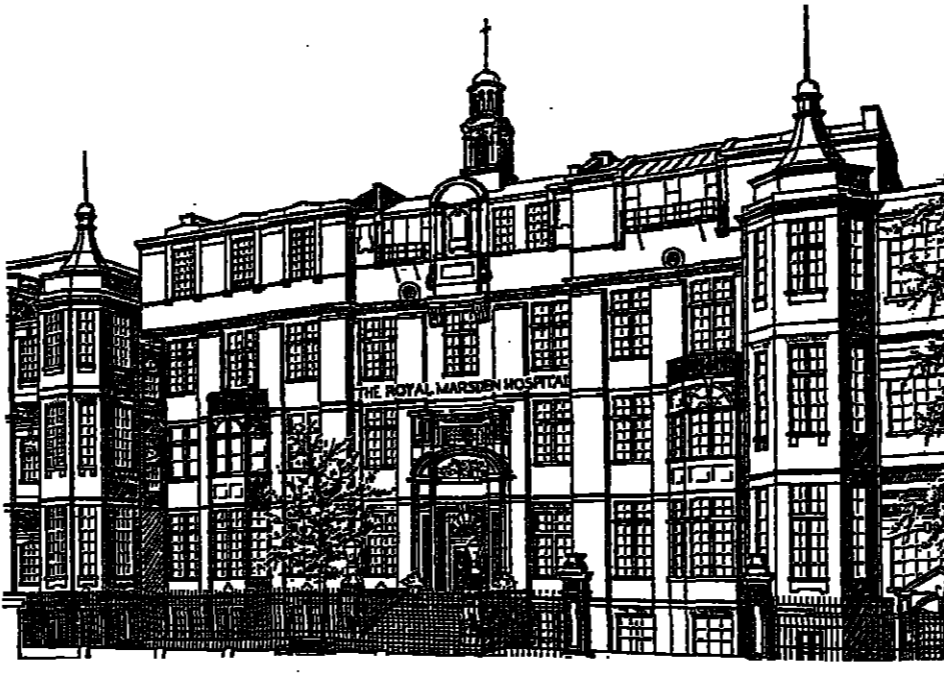
Nurses from Macmillan Units, which have special expertise in cancer care, are often called in. They can assist greatly in linking local care services with the patient's own doctor and, when the time comes, co-ordinating care with a local hospice.

Pain control is another crucial factor. There is no longer any need for cancer patients to endure prolonged, racking pain. The hospital has done considerable educative work here, on much the same lines as the hospice movement, in demonstrating how pain may be controlled.

It has also helped to remove much of the taboo that has long surrounded even the mention of the word cancer. Patients want to talk and need to talk, even when they know the worst.

The hushed atmosphere, whispers, evasions and euphemisms that were intended in the past to cocoon cancer patients from awful reality, in fact formed a barrier to communication. So far from minimizing anguish, they actually compounded it.

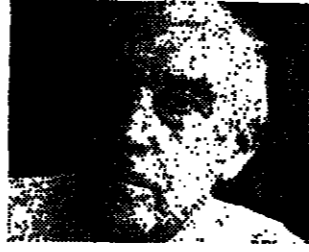
But at the Royal Marsden, by its very nature, almost all patients know they have cancer. The truth, therefore, is out in the open. This enables the hospital to help in another vital way, by counselling not only the patient, but the family.



In the chair

"All our operating theatres," said Marmaduke Hussey (right), chairman of the Royal Marsden Hospital since 1985, "are over 50 years old." Last winter the theatres froze, stopping operations for a week, writes Philippa Toomey. It is to build a new and larger suite of operating theatres, two specialised wards for patients with gynaecological and head and neck cancers, and accommodation for two linear accelerators that the hospital is appealing for £5 million.

The Marsden has about 190 beds at its Fulham Road site in



London, and also at Sutton, Surrey, where specific aspects of cancer are cared for. It has a close association with the surrounding area, drawing on it for staff and support. "What started out as a small summer fête there," says Mr Hussey,

"ended up with 7,000 people and £6,000 raised."

He says he became chairman possibly because he knows about being a patient — he spent nearly six years in hospital after a serious war injury. The Marsden is a hospital, a research institute and a teaching hospital — training doctors and nurses.

"Flattered, honoured and daunted as I was to be offered the chairmanship of the BBC last November," he says, "I said I must remain at the Marsden." If you want action, ask a busy man. The hospital has already raised £1.5 million towards its goal.



Above left: the hospital façade. Above: Dr Daniel Archer

High technology in the war on cancer

Large, complex and costly equipment can now do much to ease the lot of both patients and doctors in fighting cancer. High-tech equipment at the Marsden is among the finest and most advanced of its kind in Britain.

The Fulham Road branch has had the advantage of a computerized tomography scanner (CT) for two years, and there is an older machine at the Sutton branch. Dr Colin Parsons, consultant radiologist, says the great clinical value of CT is that it shows more clearly than any other technique the extent of malignancy, displaying both the precise size of tumours and how far cancer may have spread.

Knowing the true extent of the disease enables the clinicians to make more informed judgments about treatment than would otherwise be possible in many cases.

Moreover, as Dr Parsons points out, the CT scanner has great versatility: "The beauty of it is that we can

apply it to all parts of the body and in almost all cases of cancer except leukaemia. It has been a huge advance. It has become our workhorse."

The images are derived from X-rays giving cross-sectional images of the body at 1cm intervals, to provide a series of detailed pictures. Because only a tiny portion of the body is X-rayed every time, the total dose is no more than a typical chest X-ray, and is well within radiation safety limits.

"The whole emphasis of the hospital is on research and training, as well as clinical treatment," Dr Parsons said. "So as well as enabling better treatment, the machine also allows us to formulate research protocols for almost every kind of cancer. We can get better and better in diagnosis and treatment."

At the Sutton branch, there is a complementary piece of high-tech equipment, the positive emission tomography machine (PET). Whereas

the CT scanner transmits radiation to measure the anatomy, or the state that parts of the body are in, the PET camera emits radiation to measure and display what is going on, allowing specialists to look at the functions of tumours, especially cancerous processes in the breast and brain.

The machine employs radioactive isotopes to label tracers injected into the patient. The emitted data is converted by computer into images

The radiation that disappears harmlessly

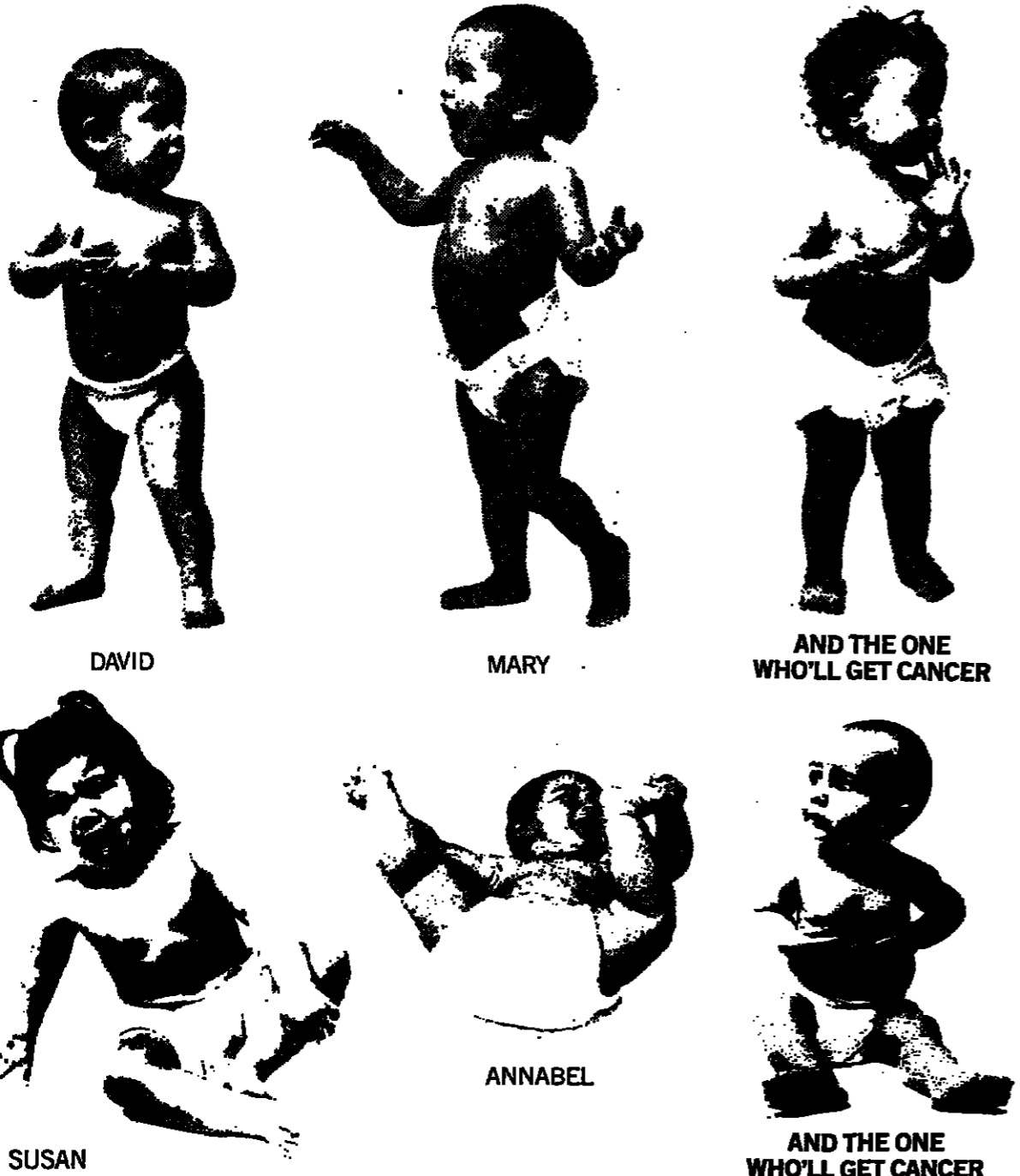
which can be studied, explains Dr Robert Ott, reader in physics at London University and chairman of the hospital's physics department.

The hospital has devised its own method of obtaining the necessary radioactive isotopes without a cyclotron, which could have cost £4

million. Using a radio-isotope generator, it obtains Gallium 68, which has a half life of only one hour. Thus, all the radiation used for imaging any one patient dies harmlessly once it has done its work.

This remarkable equipment is still used chiefly as a research tool, and has allowed treatment of only three or four patients a week. But a recently installed positron camera will make it possible to obtain images more quickly and it will therefore be possible to use it with more patients.

Yet another piece of high technology has been given by an anonymous donor for use in the new gynaecology department. This is a high dose rate selectron, whereby radiation treatment can be delivered in short and concentrated bursts rather than longer periods. This will make it possible to treat more people as out-patients, saving the time and cost of in-patient admission.



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Royal Marsden Hospital — the world's first specialist cancer hospital — needs the most advanced facilities.

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After-care with optimism

Doctors are finding ways to improve the quality of life after operations which as well as being difficult to endure, cause new problems later

While most cancers arouse fear, anguish and pain, few cause more distress than cancers of the head and neck. The surgical treatment can be severely disfiguring and impossible to conceal.

Afterwards, patients often have to make major changes in such basic activities as eating and drinking, talking and breathing. These operations affect not just the body, but the personality, too.

Particularly difficult to adapt to is surgery on the face, with all the difficulties, psychological as well as physical, it entails.

Doctors at the Royal Marsden have made remarkable progress in enabling patients who have had such operations to leave hospital in hopeful spirit and to enjoy a worthwhile quality of life.

That is the outcome of much concentrated clinical experience and research. But no less important is the hospital's all-round approach. Mr Peter Rhys Evans, who specializes in cancers of the throat, says: "We treat patients, not tumours."

That means in practice that the hospital's specialists, acclimated by deep sympathy for



their patients and therefore understanding them well, have developed a comprehensive programme of treatment which includes psychological as well as physical aspects.

It is admitted that cure rates for major head and neck cancers are little better than they were two decades ago. But rehabilitation after treatment has moved streets ahead. Those who have lost the larynx, for example, can have speech restored with a special valve implant, followed by speech therapy.

Mr Nicholas Breach, who specializes in such work and in surgery of the mouth, can provide an acceptable replacement for the tongue. Daniel Archer, in the same department, can do much to rebuild a surgically mutilated face.

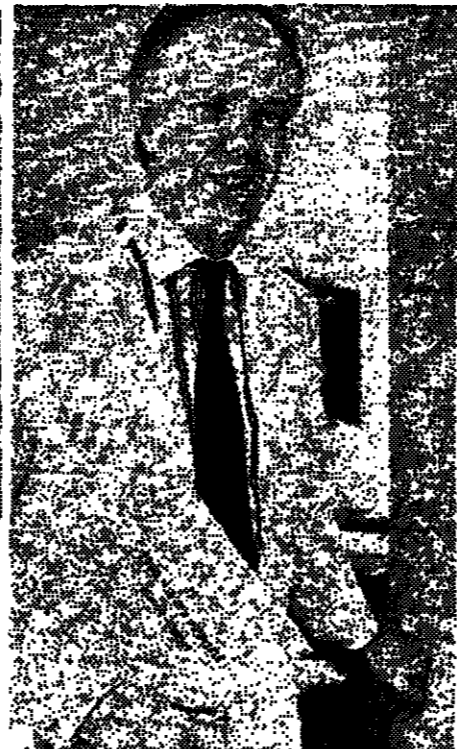
Moreover, such restorative operations are usually performed at the same time as the primary surgery itself.

Because the Royal Marsden is a secondary, or even tertiary referral centre, many patients come to it only as a last resort, often after much surgical and radiation treatment.

That creates problems which many Royal Marsden doctors think could be avoided. Cancer treatment is so specialized, and some cancers so relatively uncommon, that surgeons in general hospitals, however able, cannot have the necessary experience and expertise to deal with them most effectively.

Many patients therefore undergo surgery that is inadequate or radiation that is inappropriate, not to say

Royal Marsden surgeons Peter Rhys Evans, left, and Nicholas Breach



harmful. As a result, in too many cases the cancer returns.

Then, at that late and more intractable stage, with the disease advanced and done, the patients come to the Royal Marsden. Mr Rhys Evans and his colleagues wish that Britain had a network of regional cancer centres, on lines already successfully adopted in France. These would enable a pooling of experience and skills, and help to minimize such mistakes. Mercifully, cancers of the

The Royal Marsden has developed a patient-information programme which helps cancer victims surmount their fear, come to terms with their situation and cope constructively with it.

Miss Pat Webb, a senior nurse with Patient Education says: "Over the last decade it has been patients who have consistently asked for full information. They do not want their problems swept under the carpet any longer."

In 1984, after urgent requests for written information from patients, an inter-disciplinary patient-education group, acting as an editorial board, was formed at the Royal Marsden to produce literature for cancer patients and their families.

There is now a series of Royal Marsden booklets explaining clearly, but without over-simplification, the nature of the patient's disease and what the treatment involves. They answer the questions that patients are most likely to ask and deal with the aspects that are usually the most worrying.

Patient-information notice-boards provided by the Leagues of Friends give details of local patient-support groups and other resources, such as bereavement counselling.

Resource centres at each site with a library contain books, leaflets from other centres and the Health Department, and tapes which assist relaxation. Videos are also being considered.

Miss Webb said: "The trend now is very much to know as much as possible, and let it out rather than bottle it up."

Though there are support groups in the hospital for various types of cancer patient, the hospital also works closely with outside organizations such as Cancer Link and the cancer-information service Bacup, founded by the remarkable Dr Vicky Clement-Jones, herself a cancer victim.

The Royal Marsden places special emphasis on training nurses for the exacting but fulfilling work of nursing cancer patients.

Bob Tiffany, director of in-patient services, recently made an OBE, says: "The task is to achieve a good outcome, and that is not necessarily cure. The real success lies in the way we provide patients with appropriate care and support."

Fighting against the fear



Pat Webb, a senior nurse with Patient Education

"They understand that while medicine is about making people get better, nursing is about making them feel better, making them feel whole people and giving them and their families a good quality of life despite the problems caused by their disease."

Nine out of every ten of Britain's new cancer nurses - 170 a year, and another 30 from overseas - receive their

special training at the Royal Marsden, on nine-month courses, with at least a further year's practical experience. Several go on to take master's degrees in nursing oncology.

Many of the nurses also join specialized courses, for the care of children with cancer, helping patients with problems of altered body image and with prostheses, and the care of the dying and their families.

The nurses train to controlling such symptoms of advanced cancer as pain, difficulty with breathing, confusion or nausea. The care of patients with Aids, many of whom develop cancers, is a new aspect of their work.

Hundreds of professional visitors from Britain and overseas come each year for varying periods to study all aspects of cancer treatment and after-care. Many set up cancer units in their own countries.

There is special emphasis in giving psychosocial support to patients and on their after-care. Mr Tiffany says: "We must ensure that survivors are not victims of cure."

The greatest test is in caring for the terminally ill. "The nurses are trained to help people cope in the way they choose. Some patients accept; some want to go out fighting."

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New hope on melanoma

The cause is something as innocent as sunlight. An all-round tan is an "ultra-violation" of skin, which can set off the cellular damage that leads to the cancer.

Professor Gerald Westbury, the Royal Marsden's professor of surgery, points out that people with olive skins can get them, while others can get sunburn and not get a melanoma, just as not everyone who smokes gets lung cancer while some who do not smoke do.

He said: "But intermittent and excessive exposure of unprepared skin does put a person with a natural endowment of pigment at risk."

Some people have an inborn tendency to develop melanomas from benign moles. If families with this tendency can

be identified, its members can be sent for regular screening.

The hospital is setting up a pigment-tumour clinic to which GPs can refer those who might be at risk and is undertaking research on familial melanomas with the Institute of Cancer Research.

When a melanoma starts, it often looks very like a new freckle. If its arrival is noticed early, and it can be dealt with less than a millimetre thick, by removal locally with non-mutilating surgery, it can be considered cured. Once it takes hold and becomes thicker, growing deeper down into the skin, the cancer is increasingly likely to spread throughout the body.

As a specialist referral centre, the Royal Marsden gets the most complex cases, and is developing new forms of treatment. Melanomas are specially resistant to chemotherapy.

Professor Westbury has developed a technique whereby anti-cancer drugs may be injected, in suitable cases, into the artery of an affected limb, which is isolated with a tourniquet, allowing large doses to be given without affecting the rest of the body.

Techniques of reducing tumours by application of heat have also been developed at the Royal Marsden, and are proving successful in some cases. The heat is applied in the form of highly focussed ultrasound or electromagnetic microwaves. In some cases, heat treatment is used in conjunction with drugs and radiation treatment.

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Extraction of bone marrow

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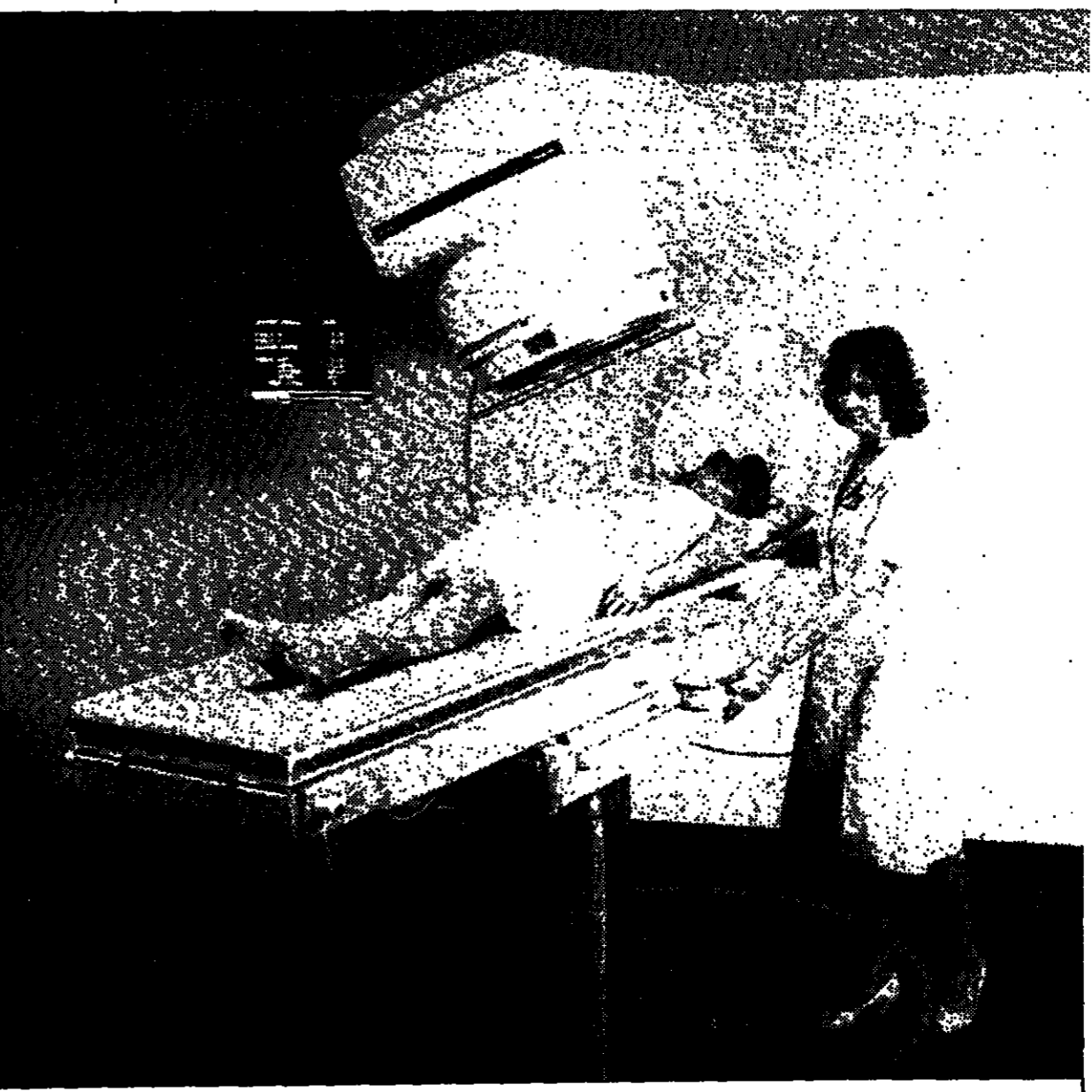
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THE ARTS

College feast Nostalgic genius for ages past

It was the dying head of an Oxford college who, faced with the stuttered news from the senior tutor that one of the fellows had committed suicide...

TELEVISION

new master, Sir Godber Evans, finds most unpleasant about the old ways: Sharpe makes of the whole violent conflict a gloriously biting comedy of reforming change attacking tradition.

After Wagh, Snow and those deadly serious college costume dramas which have drained so many television resources over the last few years, we needed a pungent send-up of the whole ethos...

It is of course nicely ironic that last night's denouement was effected by television itself, as sharp old boy Cornelius Carrington planned an exposé by documentary that misfired when sacked college porter Skullion spilled the beans...

Perhaps Ian Richardson was too predictable a choice as Sir Godber, but among the treasureable cameos were Ian Wallace's wide-eyed Praetor...

William Holmes

Radio Days is on the surface a slight and charming trifle: a nostalgic scrapbook about an obscure street on the outskirts of New York...

The genius of it is to define and encapsulate a vanished age (if not of innocence, at least of very different values from today's), the memory of which is universal.

Rockaway Beach is a strip of land on the edge of the city. Joe (Seth Green), his parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins live cheek-by-jowl with neighbours...

At home Joe's father (Michael Tucker) dreams of schemes to get rich, and will not admit he only drives a cab...

When first seen, exactly 10 years ago, Tom Stoppard's "piece for actors and orchestra" was generally felt to succeed in two precarious juggling acts. It grafted on to the playwright's usual brilliant surface of verbal playfulness a new "moral crusader" tone...

Technically, too, it broke new ground. The orchestra does not merely supply "mood music": it is fundamental to the action. In fact the whole text is littered with musical puns...

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CINEMA

Radio Days (PG) Odeon Haymarket

The Secret of My Success (PG) Empire Leicester Square

Di Palma evocation of the plate glass and formica palaces of high finance is one of the very few merits of The Secret of My Success...

The family's humdrum fortunes are interspersed with stories (real or fantasized) of the stars - the radio commentators, crooners, quiz-masters, boy wonders, Latin-American bands...

Above all though there is the Allen gallery of marvellous and fallibly human eccentrics, played by actors who are never so good in other people's films...

PREVIN SELECTION

Every Good Boy Deserves Favour Elizabeth Hall

the imaginary orchestra in his head.

A decade later, the play's achievements seem more questionable. The alliance of flippant dialogue with the portrayal of a man in the final stage of a hunger strike seems in dubious taste...

Richard Morrison

one-liners are so perfectly cast and acutely observed that they fix themselves instantly in the consciousness...

Carlo di Palma photographs the shabby wood houses and shops of Rockaway, and the gaudy art deco of the studios...

Di Palma's evocation of the plate glass and formica palaces of high finance is one of the very few merits of The Secret of My Success...

The Boy Who Could Fly (Plaza, PG) is a fairytale that combines Gothic fantasy, psychiatric melodrama and The Wizard of Oz...

ROCK

Peter Gabriel Scottish Exhibition Centre, Glasgow

beat, Gabriel and his four-piece band wore a dense and complex pattern of climax and diminuendo...

Similarly, he is indisposed to ponder to individuals in an audience who yell out for "rock 'n' roll" during a break.

David Sinclair

Triumph over environment

Peter Gabriel has never been a man to make a move before he is good and ready.

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THEATRE

Melon Haymarket

A conspicuously successful product of the Cambridge English faculty, Simon Gray has spent much of his writing life in denying the basic Cambridge proposition...

Irving Wardle



Simon Gray's master exponent: Alan Bates, in notable partnership with Carole Nimmmons

of his malady with a typical Tuesday night party. There is a vulpine television interviewer, a homosexual doctor and a failed novelist (Michael)...

Melon, the latest of this afflicted tribe, is another publisher, a thriving middle-aged editor who has moved into an old-fashioned firm and turned it around by slashing the list...

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The Royal Opera Die Frau ohne Schatten

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Advertisement for The Royal Opera Die Frau ohne Schatten, featuring conductor Christoph von Dohnányi and cast members Gwyneth Jones, Siegmund Nimsgern, Robert Schunk, Ruth Falcon, and Helga Demesch.

Large vertical advertisement on the right side of the page, featuring the word 'Like' at the top and 'Homeric' at the bottom, with various text and graphics.

BOOKS

Like a rat without a tale

Günter Grass's new book is many things: Green polemic, fireworks display of wit and language, old boys' reunion for characters from his previous books, brilliant, ingeniously structured, provoking, long. But it is not a novel, if what you mean by a novel is a plot with characters revealed and observed in action. He is a fantasist and fabulist in the old European tradition from Rabelais and Sterne to Orwell. So, provided you do not expect a coherent story, you can find amazement and amusement in *The Rat*.

Its central theme, so far as it has anything so solid, is a rat's eye view of world history told by a caged female rat, from the Ark (on which rats alone of all the animals did not sail) through the Black Death and the Pied Piper of Hamelin to the modern punks who keep rats as pets. Its message is that we humans have blown it. With our garbage mountains and acid rain, our materialism and consumerism, our free-market economy and our Big Bomb we are doomed by our death wish to extinction as surely as the dinosaurs, condemned inevitably to be succeeded by the next logical link in the evolutionary chain, the rat.

Towards the end some hominoid rats, produced by miscegenation at the incarceration of Hamelin, appear walking on their hind legs but they have less future than the pigs in *Animal Farm*. Rat rules world without end, OK?

There are many other themes sloshing around in the saucpan. A barge with five women as crew is sailing the Baltic, measuring the density of jellyfish pollution, searching for the drowned patriarchal paradise beneath the sea, and meeting the male chauvinist talking fish from *The Flounder*. Oskar Matzerath of *The Tin Drum* is now a celebrity video film-maker, but Snow White and his other fairy tale subjects are running amok because the forests are dying. No forests, no fairy tales. The Brothers Grimm have been appointed as Special Ministers for Medium Term Forest Damage. But the Chancellor and the politicians look on the end of the world as a media spectacular.

These and other topics are intri-

Philip Howard on a fable, novel, and farce

FICTION

THE RAT
By Günter Grass
Translated by Ralph Manheim
Secker & Warburg, £12.95

NOT THAT SORT OF GIRL
By Mary Wesley
Macmillan, £10.95

SUMMIT
By D.M. Thomas
Collins, £9.95

cately interleaved with free verse and philosophical sermons and word plays. Although the translation reads like natural English, I doubt whether you can get the best out of Günter Grass except in German. Poetry is the bit that gets left out in translation. And he has done so much to modernize and deflate the German tongue. He is a master of inventive language: to read him in translation is like reading by the flickering light of a television screen. And his obsessions and images are entirely German. There are the usual hymns of delight to pickled herrings and all the other Baltic grub. There is nostalgia for the old green Germany and particularly for Danzig-Gdansk, his birthplace. The book is too confused and too long to be an effective satire. It was a relief to get to the end of it. But it is interesting, and important, I think, and moving about us poor, silly human rats.

Not That Sort of Girl is a typically English novel of a certain kind: a witty and charming love story among the middle classes with surprising twists, exactly observed characters, and real pain as well as urbanity. Rose, a shy girl steam-rolled into a suitable marriage by an inexorable tide of family goodwill, has been trapped by life away from the man she really loves. At intervals throughout their lives he telephones or climbs through her

bedroom window. She cannot bring herself to leave her rich, wiry-haired husband; but her heart belongs to her lover. She manages her life to keep a sort of faith with both men.

One of the things that love about Mary Wesley is that she has reached an age when she can say dangerous or naughty things without shocking. People behave just as badly as they do in life. Widows take a heretical pleasure in being properly alone for the first time since 1930. Wife, finding valetudinarian husband at last dead in bed as she brings him lightly boiled egg during war, thinks what a waste when eggs are so scarce. Rose's private tonic after severe illness is the recommendation of a quick dip in bed with someone you like but are not in love with. The incestuous brother and sister, wasspishly noted down, are the most hilariously unpleasant creatures to crawl out of the woodwork of an English vicarage.

Finally *Summit* is an adult fairy-tale that concludes D.M. Thomas's "Russian Quartet", *Ararat*, *Swallow* and *Sphinx*, in the way that the satirical play came as light relief after the trilogy of Ancient Greek tragedies. A senile American President, named O'Reilly, about to be impeached, grabs the opportunity of a summit meeting with the dynamic Soviet leader, Gorbachev, to distract attention from his First Ladies and attendant minders, commissars, and thinking-coaches they fly to Geneva, where all sorts of skullduggery and droll misunderstanding break out. There is the usual sadistic sexual violence against women. Why is the President so determined to flog 20 million contraceptive coils to the Soviet Union, and for that matter to give the Russians California? Has he finally flipped, or become the unthinking man's King Lear? For that matter, why are the Russians so keen to revive the research programme of Fedorov (the 19th century philosopher-mystic): the resurrection of the dead? It is all pretty daft knock-about farce; but clever, full of tricks and allusions, and with hidden depths. In its own way comedy is as serious a business as tragedy.



Glyn Boyd-Harris

Tracking the Big Beast

John Campbell

DAVID LLOYD GEORGE
A Political Life
The Architect of Change 1863-1912
By Bentley Brinkerhoff Gilbert
Batsford, £25

When you work it out, Bentley B. Gilbert's first volume of what will be a monumental new biography of Lloyd George is not actually much longer than John Grigg's first two volumes covering roughly the same period. Grigg will probably take five moderate-sized volumes. Gilbert may get through in two big ones. But the two projects could not offer a greater contrast in styles.

Every political biographer has to strike his own balance between the competing demands of life and times, personality and historical events. With a subject at once so personally inexhaustible and so seminal to the whole development of British politics as Lloyd George, there is ample scope for differing approaches. For some years, since the great explosion of Lloyd George studies in the Sixties and Seventies, Grigg has appeared to have the summing-up (for this generation) to himself. His three volumes so far published have been superb examples of the English literary tradition of biography: relaxed, graceful, combining a judicious examination of the main episodes of Lloyd George's immense career with a humane and worldly understanding of the man.

Professor Gilbert's way is quite opposite. Disfigured only by a carping lack of generosity to the work of Grigg and other predecessors, who are rebuked for every trivial error. It is a formidable exercise in an American style of academic biography which sternly dismisses Lloyd George's sexual and business embarrassments as of no importance, while leaving no layer of political intrigue, manoeuvre, or calculation unexplored. The result is a dense, complex, but continuously absorbing book, which adds more than one would have believed possible at this stage to our knowledge of the thickets of Edwardian and late Victorian high politics. It is a form of biography that goes far to meet the criticism of those, like Maurice Cowling, who consider traditional biography a dangerously distorting, because over-simplifying, tool of history.

The breadth of Professor Gilbert's research, his ability to pull together information from an enormous range of minor as well as major sources, is phenomenal. (He has also had the benefit of Lloyd George's highly revealing letters to his brother back in Criccieth which were frustratingly unavailable to Grigg.) With all this, Gilbert's is quite simply the fullest fuller version than Grigg of Lloyd George's 1910 proposal for a Grand Coalition, as well as a persuasive interpretation of its purpose; and he places Lloyd George's speech on the Agadir crisis of 1911 in a new and convincing context of international relations and British strategic planning.

Professor Gilbert writes with none of Grigg's human sympathy for his subject, but with a more clinical admiration of his gifts. He has no doubt of his genius, but he has his characteristic techniques—and on occasion their limitations—ruthlessly sized up. (He is almost equally good on some of his opponents, notably Balfour.) In sum, our understanding of Lloyd George and the world in which he operated so skillfully and so creatively is immeasurably deepened. If he can track the Big Beast with this accumulation of detail and perception through the crisis of 1914-18 and the post-war premiership his achievement will be tremendous indeed.

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Penny Junor's jacket announces that *Charles* is certain to achieve both critical and public acclaim. She earns little acclaim for accuracy, I fear. One sentence reads: "at the famous occasion in June 1967 when the Queen's invitation, the Duke and Duchess [of Windsor] had come to England from Paris, where they had lived in exile for thirty-one years, and ridden in the official procession to watch the unveiling of a commemorative plaque to Queen Mary." Instead the Windsors came from New York, which is why it was June not May; they did not live in Paris for 31 years (having spent the war years in the Bahamas); and there was no official procession—it was officially decided that the guests should arrive separately. The book has many other errors—Prince Philip's father becomes Prince Peter (rather than Andrew), Prince Michael's son is called Prince Frederick, Lady Camilla Fane is mislabeled with Mrs Andrew Parker-Bowles etc. Does it really matter? Yes, because inaccuracy in simple facts makes one mistrust the conclusions drawn, based as they may be on inadequately conducted research.

Penny Junor has nothing particularly new or exciting to say about the Prince's education, service life, his early

Prince Bed of Nails

Hugo Vickers

CHARLES
By Penny Junor
Sidgwick & Jackson, £12.95

loves, or his relationship with the Princesses of Wales—the side of his life that he finds irksome to read about. Where the book will prove valuable is in the area she calls his "social concerns". This is a handy section on this in the index, which guides the reader to his involvement with projects such as "Business in the Community", Operation Raleigh, Youth Business Initiative, and many more. It is when writing of Prince Charles's interest in these that the author gets closest to the real man. She also has some good points in the introduction—that the Prince's work is largely unrewarded, that despite considerable efforts he

feels he has contributed so little. She writes of him: "He is one of the saddest people I have ever encountered. His entire life has been sacrificed to duty. He has been criticized, he has been wounded, he has been ridiculed, and still he battles on, carrying his bruised and fragile ego into another minefield of controversy."

In her first chapter she sums up the man as she sees him. It is very much the best chapter in an otherwise predictable book. Here she introduces his interest in inner cities, harnessing the talents of coloured people, his philosophy of life, his "acute, schoolboyish sense of humour", his dislike of inefficiency and bureaucracy, and the comfort he derives from his children. Fleet Street editors are frequently confused as to what line they should take about the Prince. Is he a splendid grass-roots man or a loony? It seems to me that he is seeking as close an involvement as possible with the people of this land—and that he is more likely to achieve this by a few days of strenuous crofting than by more traditional official visits accompanied by a barrage of flashing cameras and scribbling journalists. The time for concern is not when he is amongst his people, but if he ever finds himself slumped in an armchair at home.

Our last Romantic

POETRY

Robert Nye

COLLECTED POEMS
By George Barker
Faber, £27.50

Gin and chicken helpless in her Irish hand, Irresistible as Rabelais, but most tender for The lame dogs and hurt birds that surround her— She is a procession no one can follow after But be like a little dog following a brass band.

Barker's great gifts require the outline of some clearly defined and demanding subject-matter to save them from dissipation in bathos or grandiloquence. It is arguable that



Maker, joker, lover, Barker he found such a subject-matter in *The True Confession of George Barker* (1950). This long, vigorous, amusing poem, which takes copulation as its main theme, and is in style simpler and more conversational than anything else he has written, won the poet flattering comparisons with Villon—though T.S. Eliot, notably unamused, insisted in his role as publisher on its omission from the *Collected Poems 1930-1955*. The *True Confession* must certainly be

reckoned one of the few readable long poems written in English in the 20th century. Barker's lack of all pretension in it, his easy mastery of his chosen stanza form, and his deployment of a kind of wit which has been rare in English poetry since the death of Byron, make it a most attractive performance.

Yet it seems to me that it is a handful of odd, nagging, largely humourless and imageless poems which represent Barker at his most inspired. It is as though this poet had a second voice. When that voice takes over, the bad puns and the strutting rhythms fall away, and he writes with an extraordinary quietness:

How can I see them? Part of them is me. They will not answer when I ask their names. Sometimes I do not know if they are even here. When I perceive them, I am their knowledge of Their own identity, because Of my half existence is to elicit theirs. They beg for love. I also beg. For them.

That is a whole poem, dating quite late in the canon. Who are "they"? The Muses, perhaps; the mysteries: unwritten poems, or inspirers of poems on a level with Rilke's angels.

It is a measure of George Barker's stature as a poet that he ranges from such intimations of the numinous to the bawdy brilliance of *The True Confession*. His is a complicated and interesting talent, a Keatsian sensuousness crossed with Byronic irreverence, and then cut through by Wordsworth's taste for the didactic. Imagine all three in one mind and quarrelling away like mad and you have something like a Barker poem. And the more the Barker poems are inspected the more thoroughly authentic a member of the Romantic tradition their maker may be seen to be.

Homeric Rowlocks

Hint, ever so gently, that there may not be all that solid a core of history behind the Homeric epics, and dons with a lifetime's scholarship behind them and brilliantly important TV personalities with a lifetime's piffle ahead of them will leap to the defence. I begin, therefore, with a judiciously balanced postulate: the travels of Odysseus related in Homer's *Odyssey* Books 5-12 not only bear no relationship to any unambiguous historical reality, they never can and never will.

The *Odyssey* is the result of an oral style of composition, one of whose identifying attributes is that the bulk of its subject-matter is drawn from an undecipherable conglomerate of nearly 500 years of oral story-telling. Second, the poet not only gives us no clear directions where Odysseus is going at any one time; he often gives us no directions at all. Thus, when Cape Maleia (the SE tip of the Peloponnese) is left behind, the poet tells us that Odysseus is driven for nine days by a northerly storm wind to a shore where he encounters the Lotus Eaters. So, suppose we are in Libya. Though one wonders what sort of a storm it is which takes nine days to shift a fleet 350 kms. Odysseus then travels for an unstated length of time in an unstated direction, and arrives at the island of the Cyclopes. So where are we now? (Do not ring the AA.) Third, once Maleia is left behind (after 42 lines of a 2,500 line travel narrative), we

Peter Jones

THE ULYSSES VOYAGE
By Tim Severin
Hutchinson, £14.95

need nine days to reach Libya; therefore he travelled slowly; therefore he did need nine days; therefore he did reach Libya; full of special (and not so special) pleading; and based on experience wholly dissimilar to any Odysseus may have had (the travelled in a fleet of twelve ships, roughly 50 oars to a ship; Mr Severin travels on one ship, *Argo*, of twenty oars and an outboard motor). The conclusions are equally aghast-making. Ithaka and its environs in the *Odyssey* are consistently portrayed as a world touched with a solid, down-to-earth "reality" (egg-gars, dogs, loyal swineherds, saucy servants, trouble oop at the palace). Odysseus' adventures are a world apart—which is why they are unlocatable. Only a hero like Odysseus could survive them. Mr Severin would have us believe that if Nestor trolled off round the southern Peloponnese to see his chum Menelaos he would, were he not careful, bump into giant Laestrygonians, or that an innocent Ithakan trader dealing with the Thesprotians stood more than average chance of knocking into Scylla and Charybdis.

But there is no point in deploying rational arguments where reason has no place. The book is pleasantly written, full of pretty pictures, occasionally enlightening on no more or less full of futtocks than any other book on the subject. *Non voyage*; and even better royalties.

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EDWIN DROOD: American musical of Dickens's unfinished mystery novel...
EVERY GOOD BOY DESERVES FAULTS: Last three performances of Tom Stoppard's comedy...

LEICESTER: The Mask Of Mystery: Hugh Leonard's spoof thriller pits Holmes against his old adversary...
MANCHESTER: Female Parts: Ella Haddington in four harshly poetic plays...

THE KINDRED (18): Intuitive science-fiction film with sleek production values but no story worth the telling...

WINDMILLS: Windmills Theatre, Charing Cross Road...
JENKINS EAR: Impressive musical-political fable by David Hare...

WINCHESTER: Portrait: Interesting new William Douglas-home play with Keith Michell as Augustus Jones...

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LET US GO THIN, YOU AND I: A cross-gendered fable and parody of the book by Elean Albritton...

ALSO ON NATIONAL RELEASE: Advance booking possible...
BLUE VELVET (16): David Lynch's surreal tale about the placid surface of an American small town...

NAME OF THE ROSE (16): Simplified version of Eco's medieval murder mystery, filmed with a fine sense of atmosphere...

LET US GO THIN, YOU AND I: A cross-gendered fable and parody of the book by Elean Albritton...

CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD (15): Polished version of the Broadway play, with William Hurt as the teacher of deaf children...

NOBODY'S FOOL (15): Rosanna Arquette as a small-town girl with a past striking out with a new acquaintance...

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HEAVY V is a familiar enough film but the print unveiled tonight makes you regard Laurence Olivier's wartime masterpiece with new awe...

THREE AMIGOS (PG): Western parody with good one-liners but no shape. Steve Martin, Chevy Chase and Martin Short star as singing cowboys...

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UP ON THE ROOF: "The bravest of the brave"...

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Michael Crawford in the title role...

LET US GO THIN, YOU AND I: A cross-gendered fable and parody of the book by Elean Albritton...

LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES: Some comic variety...

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STEARNS AWARDS: Award ceremony for the year's best...

THE BUSINESS OF MURDER: Garry Shandling's comedy...



Phil Collins (above) and Genesis are about to make history by playing Wembley Stadium for four consecutive nights...

ALHAMBRA Theatre, Morley Street, Bradford (0274 752000), 7.30-10pm, £4-25.

GISELLE: Galina Samsova's traditional production for London City Ballet...

KENNY BURRELL: Since Wes Montgomery's death, no jazz pianist has been able to match Burrell's combination of warmth and sophistication...

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THE NOZZE DI FIGARO: A student production by the Royal Academy of Music...

PETER GARRETT: He has long been one of rock's most literate writers and thoughtful performers...

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THE JEWELLERY OF RENE: A collection of 235 hand-drawn art nouveau by the movement's master designer...

CHARLES LAPICQUE: Fertile and exotic landscapes by a French artist, stylistically from the same hedonistic mould as Raoul Dufy...

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TAJ MAHAL: The venerated country-blues singer has picked up the threads of an extraordinary career...

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MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM: Robert de Warren's production for Northern Ballet Theatre...

LATE LUBY: The American baritone Richard Luby plays Bach's Sonata No 1 and Partita No 2...

NEW QUARTET: As part of the North-East Baroque Festival, Le Nouveau Quatuor performs...

GERMANY YEARS: The Baroque's "The Germain Years" continues with Michael Tison...

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LEEDS PLAYHOUSE: Subscription booking for autumn season, which opens with Another Country...

KING'S SINGERS: 1967 tour was Glasgow's Scottish Exhibition...

THE LIFE AND LOVES OF A SHE-DEVIL: Talk by the author Fay Weldon, on her recently televised book...

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ORPHIS IN THE UNDERWOOD: Last performance of this season of a play about the life of Orpheus...

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The Prince of Wales and Judith Hann: BBC1, 8pm

ITV/LONDON

- 6.15 TV-am introduced by Caroline Righton and Mike Morris. Weather at 6.28 and 6.58; news at 8.30; financial news at 8.35; sport at 8.40; and exercises at 8.55.

CHANNEL 4

- 9.30 Schools: running a safari park. 8.42 Zap!, a story by Dick King-Smith. 9.54 The cyclical nature of a film...

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Police state rockers



David Schofield as Flash the roddie in episode one of Boogie Outlaws (on BBC2, 9.30pm)

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Peter Waymark

CHOICE

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THE JAEGER SALE Starts Today Huge reductions on ladies and menswear. Werner Egk's Peer Gynt, Radio 3, 2.45pm. Shut away in a French farming family's cupboard for three years and nine months, with no company but a cheese and the occasional fly...

IT'S NOT THE GROUND HE'S LOOKING AT. IT'S HIS GRAVE. There's one thing in Mozambique today that's still in plentiful supply. Ground on which to die. 4:2m people are facing starvation as a result of a war fuelled by South Africa. 1:2m people have fled their homes. They desperately need food, shelter and drinkable water. And we need transport to get help to them. The United Nations Association is acting now to support a major UN relief effort, which is working directly with the Mozambicans. In a country where 1 in 3 die before their 5th birthday, the only long term solution can be peace. But in the meantime, we desperately need your help to save lives now. Please give as much as you can.

Radio 1, Radio 2, Radio 3, World Service. LF (Long wave), (s) Stereo on VHF. 5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News briefing. Weather 6.10. Farming 6.25. Prayer (s) 6.30. 6.30 News. 6.45 Business. 6.55. 7.00 News. 7.15. 7.30 News. 7.45. Thought for the Day. 8.43 Four Suspense Stories (4). Duty, by Frederick Forsyth. The reader is Sean Barrett. 9.00 News. 9.05 The Facts. John Walte investigates injustice and sharp practices. 9.30 The Natural History Programme. Fanny Keeling talks to Daphne Sheldrick who plays surrogate mother to a two-month old baby elephant. 10.00 News. Rebels (s) A portrait of Jack Kerouac, the poet. 10.15 The Arts. Fanny Keeling work on the feelings of the American Beat Generation. Presented by John Peel. 10.30 Morning Story. Two more Eliza stories by Barry Pain. The reader is Leon Simon. 10.45 An Act of Obedience. From Broadcasting House (s). 11.00 News. Travel. Tales of the Leitch. Simon Keeling talks of the fishing wildlife and history of Northumberland with Christopher Lowell. 11.15 The State Opening of Parliament. The ceremony is described by John Hooten, and there is an assessment by Michael O'Donnell (s). 12.00 News. You and Yours. Consumer magazine, with John Howard. 12.27 My World. With Dilly Powell, Frank Muir, Antonia Fraser and Dilly Powell. Hosted by Michael O'Donnell (s). 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One. News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping. 2.00 News. Woman's Hour, with Dilly Barlow, includes a portrait of Teresa McLean, cricket correspondent for several national newspapers and an umpire for cricket games played by both men and women. Also part 10 of No More than Human. 3.00 News. The Ahamoni Play. Why Didn't They Harm Oswald? by Angela Sewell. With Alicia Cozier as the Ultimate Machine. The human body. (Oracle). 5.15 Different Strokes. 5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong. 6.00 Thames news. 6.25 Help! Details of the newly published DHSS Users Guide. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emerald Farm. 7.30 George & Mildred. Vintage domestic comedy series. (r). 8.00 This Week! Hard Metal. Trevor Phillips reports on the fatal side-effects of Hard Metal, a combination of cobalt and tungsten carbide, which is being used to replace more expensive diamonds in drills and other high-powered machinery. 8.30 Fringe Fields. Hester is suspicious when William comes home awash with perfume. (r). 9.00 L.A. Law. Drama series set in the offices of a busy Los Angeles law firm. (Oracle). 10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Alastair Stewart. Weather followed by Thames news headlines. 10.30 Brief Lives. A documentary in which parents of murdered children talk about how they have coped with death to terms with the horror. 11.00 Connie. Drama serial set in the world of fashion. Starring Stephanie Beacham. (r). 12.00 Prisoner. Australian drama set in a women's prison. 1.00 Duran Duran - Arena. Part one of the band's recorded in London in November 1982. 1.30 America's Top Ten presented by Casey Kasen. 2.00 The Muppet Show. Narrated by Roger Daltrey and Adam Faith. Thriller about the attempt by John McVicar and Walter Probyn to escape from a day in the life of a criminal. Directed by Tom Clegg. Ends at 4.05.

TUC leaders warned after pull-out from jobs scheme

By Tim Jones

The rift between the Government and the Trade Union Congress developed into a chasm last night after union leaders, who had earlier withdrawn from the Job Training Scheme, were warned by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment.

He told them that he intended to proceed with legislation designed to extend to their members "the effective protection they are entitled to in a free society".

The decision by the TUC general council, which was described by Mr Fowler as "indefensible and deplorable" almost certainly paves the way for it to pull out of the Manpower Services Commission (MSC).

For Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, who is one of the three trade union commissioners on the MSC was one of the leaders who yesterday pressed the general council to withdraw from the scheme.

Sir Bryan Nicholson, chairman of the MSC, condemned the decision saying it would not help unemployed people.

He added: "I regret that the general council has changed its mind and is not now going to support the new JTS scheme after being so closely involved in its development. Everyone agreed on the urgent need for a good quality large scale training programme for unemployed people and we shall continue to provide this through the new JTS."

Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, said that the decision was taken because "JTS is a bad scheme which in too many cases offers only token training.

He said the decision was not an attack on opportunities for unemployed people.

"Totally the reverse. We would like to see a real expansion of genuine training opportunities, with decent allowances and high training standards."

"But it is clear we will not advance those objectives by continuing to be associated with a discredited and failing scheme."

JTS, launched last year, is designed to give training opportunities to 18 to 25-year-olds who have been unemployed for more than six months. At present, there are about 10,000 on the scheme which aims eventually to train 250,000 young people a year at a cost of £200 million.

Many union leaders believe both the training and pay - unemployment benefit plus travelling expenses - is inadequate and have accused it of being "a Government device to massage unemployment figures".

Mr Fowler said: "It is indefensible that the TUC should withdraw its support for this major initiative designed to help the unemployed to get back into work."

Union leaders met Mr Fowler last night to object to Government proposals to extend trade union legislation to remove, for example union immunity from industrial action to establish a closed shop. And under the proposed changes union leaders such as Mr Arthur Scargill will be obliged to stand for periodic re-election.

The TUC maintains that employment law in the UK is effectively loaded against the rights of working people.



Tea for two: Mr Cecil Parkinson, Energy Secretary, and Mr Roy Lyak, UDM President, taking a conference break at Weymouth yesterday

Coal privatization not yet on the agenda

By John Spicer
Employment Affairs
Correspondent

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Energy Secretary, said yesterday that the Government had no plans for an early privatization of the coal industry.

Speaking to delegates at the Union of Democratic Mineworkers' conference in Weymouth, Mr Parkinson said: "There are no plans to privatize the industry at the moment: no plans, full stop."

But later, Mr Parkinson said he was not prepared to say that in the year 2010 privatization would not have taken place. He was making his first

major speech since becoming Energy Secretary nine days ago and had been answering questions from some of the 100 conference delegates.

In his speech, Mr Parkinson underlined the Government's commitment to the coal industry. He said that since 1979, it had supported a massive investment programme worth more than £2 billion every working day - a total of £28 billion.

He said the country had been willing to make this huge investment, but it looked for - and it would deserve - a fair return. "The industry can only continue to make progress if we all face the facts and accept the need for

further change," he said.

Mr Parkinson did not mention privatization in his speech, but taking questions afterwards it was clear this was the greatest concern among miners' representatives. One told him that privatization would create a wasteland in the north-east and would be detrimental to the country. Another questioned the need for privatization if the industry was such an asset.

Mr Parkinson told reporters afterwards that the Government was committed to privatizing the electricity industry and that was his top priority. Coal was simply not on his agenda.

Later, Mr Parkinson said: "How-

ever large the investment, what really counts is the performance of the miners. British Coal has already given greater emphasis to rewarding miners by results. But pay is not enough by itself. A modern coal industry needs modern working practices. They must be flexible; they must benefit the miner."

Mr Parkinson said working miners had got the message, and productivity records, at both UDM and NUM pits, were being broken. He said there was no time to waste on internal squabbles. In a sideswipe at the NUM, Mr Parkinson told the moderate UDM that "for many people you are the true voice of the modern mineworker".

Doctor defends child abuse decisions

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ing the resources of his department to the limit but it would cope.

He said that other areas of the country too had experienced an increase in cases; he quoted for example, figures in Leeds where his colleagues there projected that they would have 1,500 such cases this year. Cases in that city, he said, which had a comparable child population to Cleveland, had gone from 60 to 500 in one year.

Among the measures agreed yesterday by the Cleveland social services committee was the recruitment of 16 extra social workers who are specialized in child abuse cases at an annual cost of £185,000 as well as the creation of a pool of foster parents who would be specially-trained to care for sexually abused children.

Special premises in each of the four districts of the county authority are to be found for

the investigation and treatment of child abuse cases.

Many of the parents of the children legally removed from their families in the past two months have set up an action group and complain that they are being wrongly accused.

The South Tees Health Authority, which has already announced an independent panel of doctors and child experts to urgently examine complaints from parents, said yesterday that Dr Higgs had previously been the first assistant in the department of child health at Newcastle University.

In the medical directory she was listed in 1985 as a member of the paediatric department at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead. A spokesman for the authority said the position at Middlesbrough General Hospital was her first consultant post.

After the discussions yesterday with the two doctors Mr Douglas Hague, the regional general manager of the Northern Regional Health Authority, said: "We have no reason other than to retain our confidence in them. Both these doctors have expertise in this area."

He said that the independent panel set up to investigate the cases would initially look at 20 children.

The panel will provide a report on each child to the regional medical officer of health who will then pass information to the social services department who will decide what, if any, further action will be taken.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Health and Social Services, yesterday asked for an urgent report into the situation in Cleveland.

The two independent child specialists engaged by those parents challenging the allegation of abuse - Dr David Paul of Harley Street, London and Dr Raine Roberts, Manchester - were yesterday denied the use of facilities at

the Middlesbrough General Hospital or access to records and photographs of the children and their examinations of the first 12 children were carried out at a nearby private clinic.

Yesterday the Rev Michael Wright, a local vicar who has been helping and comforting parents, spoke of the anguish and grief many were suffering.

He said that in some cases it had led to the break-up of marriages and that two people, one a grandfather and the other a parent, had suffered heart attacks as a result of the stress.

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Thousands face air strike chaos

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haul flights by, for example, Air France from New York, and it is almost certain that no British jets will be allowed into Paris or other French airports.

Although this is the tenth week of the air controllers' action, it is by far the most serious. Until now they have been limiting their action to 2½ hours during the morning "rush hour". Now, however, new proposals by the French Government to dock a full day's pay however long the controllers go on strike, and also to change their status from civil servants to general workers, has inflamed tempers and led to the snap call for a full 24-hour strike.

The situation is bound to change almost minute by minute as French controllers assess the situation and decide how many aircraft they can handle in a given period of 15 to 30 minutes.

Syria fails to secure release of American

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His father, aged 82, said that Mr Glass was alive and that "efforts are continuing for his release," a statement that might have elicited more optimism has it not been preceded by similar promises by equally worthy statesmen about other hostages over the past two years.

Mr Glass is best known in Lebanon for his superb coverage of the TWA hijack in 1985, and it is possible that his unknown kidnappers wished to await the West German Government's decision on the US extradition warrant for Muhammad Ali Hamadei - accused of masterminding the hijack - before releasing the American journalist.

Mr Glass interviewed both hijackers and hostages during the TWA crisis for American television.

Syria's "protection" of Westerners in West Beirut has therefore become more doubtful. Yesterday, on the airport road - the favourite location for kidnappers - Syrian soldiers stayed in their sand-bagged emplacements, scarcely venturing out to search cars or lorries on the main highway into the capital.

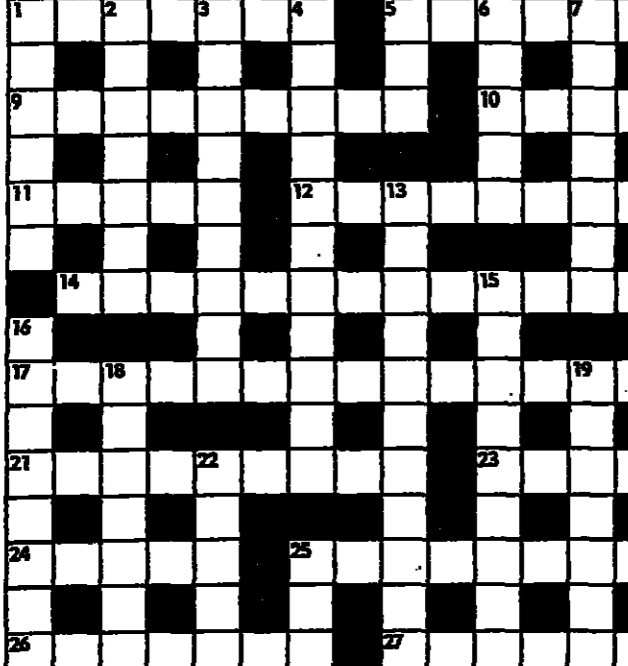
Boat seized

Kushiro, Japan (AFP) - A small Japanese fishing boat with a crew of five has been seized by a Soviet patrol boat off eastern Hokkaido for allegedly operating in the Soviet 200-mile fishing zone. Japanese officials said yesterday.

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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,392



- ACROSS**
- Talk with radio operator in dockyard (7).
 - Criticize expert who has a cure for everything (7).
 - 29 dn, a horse that's pre-eminent (9).
 - Pain causing depression starts to impair constitution (5).
 - Creation of few scruples (5).
 - It shows the right aristocratic flower, but in the wrong way (5-4).
 - What you do with laryngitis - catch it (3,2,3,4).
 - Do a U-turn and provide fresh air (6,4,4).
 - Country's losing a deliberate cook (9).
 - Gazelle victimized by Sycorax (5).
 - Nothing hard sent by word of mouth (5).
 - On my part, I distributed a bequest (9).
 - Surgeon's assistant - one working in the theatre (7).
 - With more grass, caribou are returning, leaving the North (7).
 - One who takes hilltop first (6).
- DOWN**
- Order something that's 4 verbally (7).
 - Criticizing bad actor taking ½ of the cake (9).
 - Huge in autumn, I soon produced! (11).
 - It's mine, I ac said (3).
 - Member entering King's School (7).
 - Duck and hare cooked for prince (8).
 - Exactly how rent is paid (2,3,6).
 - Send abroad text I read out (9).
 - Platform disposed of without the buffet (8).
 - Fatty takes swim with nothing on in rough sea (7).
 - In North America, I commit a crime, one that's capital (7).
 - Versé put in by a member of the band (6).
 - French town walls were covered by it (5).
 - Knock up a good score (3).
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ABROAD

MONDAY: c. cloud; d. drizzle; f. fair; lg. fog; r. rain; s. sleet; sh. shower; l. thunder.

Country	Temp	Wind	Remarks
Austria	5-13	W 10-15	rain
Belgium	7-13	W 10-15	rain
Canada	1-10	W 10-15	rain
Denmark	5-12	W 10-15	rain
France	8-15	W 10-15	rain
Germany	7-14	W 10-15	rain
Italy	10-18	W 10-15	rain
Japan	15-25	W 10-15	rain
Netherlands	8-15	W 10-15	rain
Poland	6-14	W 10-15	rain
Portugal	12-18	W 10-15	rain
Spain	10-18	W 10-15	rain
Sweden	6-14	W 10-15	rain
Switzerland	8-15	W 10-15	rain
U.S.A.	10-18	W 10-15	rain
U.S.S.R.	10-18	W 10-15	rain
U.K.	8-15	W 10-15	rain
W. Germany	8-15	W 10-15	rain

AROUND BRITAIN

City	Temp	Wind	Remarks
Aberdeen	8-15	W 10-15	rain
Belfast	8-15	W 10-15	rain
Birmingham	10-18	W 10-15	rain
Cardiff	10-18	W 10-15	rain
Edinburgh	8-15	W 10-15	rain
Exeter	10-18	W 10-15	rain
Glasgow	8-15	W 10-15	rain
London	10-18	W 10-15	rain
Manchester	10-18	W 10-15	rain
Newcastle	10-18	W 10-15	rain
Nottingham	10-18	W 10-15	rain
Sheffield	10-18	W 10-15	rain
Southampton	10-18	W 10-15	rain
Stoke	10-18	W 10-15	rain
Sunderland	10-18	W 10-15	rain
Wolverhampton	10-18	W 10-15	rain
Wrexham	10-18	W 10-15	rain

HIGH TIDES

Location	Time	Height
London Bridge	2:03	5.4
Aberdeen	1:32	3.7
Belfast	7:31	11.3
Cardiff	7:18	11.0
Edinburgh	5:54	4.8
Glasgow	12:37	4.3
London	11:21	6.1
Manchester	11:21	6.1
Newcastle	11:21	6.1
Sheffield	11:21	6.1
Southampton	11:22	4.1
Stoke	6:37	2.4
Sunderland	6:37	2.4
Wolverhampton	6:37	2.4
Wrexham	6:37	2.4

THE POUND

Country	Rate
Australia	2.25
Belgium	3.36
Canada	1.37
Denmark	6.46
France	6.55
Germany	3.36
Italy	1.37
Japan	163.00
Netherlands	3.36
Norway	6.46
Portugal	206.00
Spain	166.00
Sweden	6.46
Switzerland	2.25
U.S.A.	1.53
U.S.S.R.	15.36

Merger opposed by SDP MPs

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which involves the abolition of the SDP?"

It is that reference to the "abolition of the SDP" which has upset the pro-merger faction. They argue that it is heavily loaded to ensure that the SDP members vote for the first option.

Dr Owen, who has kept silent on the merger issue since the first weekend after the election, is expected to speak out for the first time since then at the National Committee meeting.

However he has given his support to the three page resolution from the SDP MPs which insists on the preservation of the distinctive identity of the SDP as a separate party.

It says that it is "necessary to ensure that the Alliance is not an exclusive grouping and is open to a wider alignment, should there be developments in other parties over the next few years."

It also emphasises that it was necessary to create a new party with an appeal distinct from that of existing parties when the SDP was formed in 1981 and that the "style, the stance and the appeal of the SDP as an entity" is a "continuing asset".

Mr Cartwright said yesterday that a merged party might look not like a new one but just like the Liberal party of old with a different constitution, and so would not get the same voting support as the Alliance.

For the Liberals, Mr Alton responded angrily within minutes of yesterday's SDP press conference, saying: "By maintaining separate identities we will have made no progress from this year's election. It is still a recipe for confusion."

"Party members in both parties should vote decisively for the union of the two parties".

Deliberately adopting an expression beloved of Dr Owen, he declared that the Liberal MPs were entirely united in rejecting the SDP proposals as a "recipe for fudge and mudge" precisely what the SDP leader claims to abhor in politics.

Mr Dick Taverne, one of the founding members of the SDP, yesterday criticised the SDP MPs for what he called their "petulant gesture" of refusing to name joint parliamentary spokesmen with the Liberals.

He said that the SDP membership should not be presented with a loaded question. It was wrong to have two separate parties and two separate organizations which merely served to confuse the electorate and to give the impression of disunity.

Mr Neville Sandelson, the former SDP MP, said in a letter ending his membership of the Party that he did not relish sharing a common membership with the Liberal unitarist. After campaigning for the Conservatives during the election he pre-empted expulsion from the SDP by allowing his membership to lapse.

PART 2

STOCK MARKETS

B&C buy of 500

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Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1773.4 (+21.8)
FT-SE 100
2284.0 (+18.5)
Bargains
40002 (60415)
USM (Datastream)
191.55 (+0.1)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6165 (+0.0155)
W German mark
2.9477 (+0.0117)
Trade-weighted
72.3 (+0.6)

B&C may buy parts of JWT

Mr John Gunn, the chairman of the financial services group, British & Commonwealth Holdings said yesterday it is interested in buying parts of the US advertising agency, JWT Group. He said after the firm's annual meeting that its affiliated advertising agency, Trilateral Communications, was interested in expanding its business, but would not bid for the entire US group.

"Mr John Wood, the Trilateral chairman, has been talking to people but not with a view to acquiring the entire firm," he said. "JWT is likely to be fragmented and we are interested in pieces."

Mr Gunn decided to give more details on contacts with JWT, which is facing a \$515 million (£320 million) offer by the WPP Group.

B&C reported a pretax profit of £11.5 million for 1986, a £27.2 million decline from the previous year which Mr Gunn attributed to the removal of assets. Earnings per share fell to 14.8p from 19.8p.

Charter jumps

Charter Consolidated, the manufacturing, construction, mining and investment group, reported pretax profits of £42.2 million for the year to end-March against £28.8 million last time. It is raising the year's distribution from 11.5p to 13p a share.

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SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	Dow Jones	2441.33 (+1.50)
Tokyo	Nikkei Dow	24892.75 (+97.84)
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	3178.98 (+68.57)
Amsterdam	Gen	301.1 (-2.1)
Sydney	AO	1739.5 (-2.4)
Frankfurt	Commerzbank	1861.4 (-63.3)
Brussels	General	4764.4 (+23.5)
Paris	CAC	3006 (+159)
Zurich	S&K Gen	530.70 (-3.0)
London	FT. A	n/a
FT. Gtts		91.07 (+0.52)

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

Alfred-Lyons	431p (+10p)
Lucas	1680p (+28p)
BOC Group	505p (+17p)
Boots	299p (+14p)
Amber Industrial	480p (+25p)
SPB Industries	835p (+27p)
S Miller	156p (+25p)
Wynham Group	205p (+47p)
STC	300p (+15p)
Avon Rubber	694p (+25p)
Lookers	405p (+25p)
Dalgety	383p (+15p)
Reed Education	420p (+30p)
MERC	525p (+20p)
Chelsea Man	295p (+20p)
Marrina Devs	439p (+38p)

FALLS

Reed Intl	584p (-28p)
Asda Properties	655p (-20p)
Cable & Wireless	384p (-26p)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	9%
3-month Interbank	9 1/2%
3-month eligible bills	8 3/4%
buying rate	
US Prime Rate	8 1/4%
Federal Funds	5 1/4%
3-month Treasury Bills	5.74-7.72%
30-year bonds	10.94-10.97%

CURRENCIES

London	New York
£ \$1.6165	£ DM1.8225
£ DM2.9477	£ SwF1.5110
£ Sfr2.4409	£ FF9.8413
£ FF9.8413	£ Yen145.00
£ Yen145.00	£ Ecu72.3
£ Ecu72.3	£ SDR 102.0
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GOLD

London	New York
AM \$443.00	\$441.75
close \$441.75	\$442.25 (\$272.75-273.25)
New York	Comex \$442.30-442.80

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (July) pm \$18.75bbl (\$18.85)
Denotes latest trading price

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C&W profits rise to £340m

Losses at Mercury hold back advance

Cable and Wireless expects to have thousands of British domestic telephone users linked up to its Mercury telephone network by the end of this year and is also predicting a breakthrough soon in its battle to win a share of Japanese international telecommunications traffic.

Mercury Communications, the C&W subsidiary licensed by the Government to challenge British Telecom's monopoly, is bringing in new orders at a rate of 300 per cent to 400 per cent a year, according to Mr Gordon Owen, its managing director.

He says the company, which has been very successful in the City, will become profitable by the end of this year lifting the burden on C&W's profits.

A higher-than-expected £19 million loss from Mercury, coupled with adverse exchange rate movements from C&W's business heartland in the Far East, which cost another £34 million when the profits were translated into sterling, held C&W's pretax profits to £340 million last year.

While 15 per cent up on the previous year, the figure was below many City expectations and the shares fell 25p to 385p.

But Mr Rod Olsen, C&W's

finance director, said the figures announced yesterday masked the true health of the company. "If you look at what the regions produced last year, despite the unfavourable 10 per cent swing in currency and despite having to carry Mercury, the underlying business is very strong, growing at more than 25 per cent a year," he said.

Mr Brian Pemberton, the chief operating officer, reported some encouraging signs in C&W's struggle to move in Japan's lucrative international telecommunications industry. C&W holds a 20 per cent stake in one of the two consortia competing to provide the Japanese with a second telecommunications service and has so far scorned Tokyo's suggestions that the two groups merge.

"The merger attempt is a drawn-out facade," said Mr Pemberton. "The discussions continue within Japan. One could optimistically look forward to some significant movement within the next few months."

Last year Asia and the Pacific provided the lion's share of C&W's profits and sales. Turnover, also held back by currency factors, edged up just £5 million to £913 million. More than half of this, as well as £235 million of the pretax profits, came from Asia and the Pacific.

The final dividend is going up to 3.5p from 3p last year, making 5.55p in all, or 17 per cent more than in 1986. Shareholders will be offered a scrip dividend as an alternative to cash.

Increasing demand for installations has also pushed up investment. Capital expenditure grew to £355.3 million.

Mr Owen said Mercury had an underlying profitable business which would move into the black by the end of the year. Some shareholders will move into profit even sooner.

He hailed Mercury's rapid growth as "one of the industrial feats of the century."

He admitted that "during Big Bang we were severely tested, but we are now meeting our customer deadlines." He said that, emboldened by the City's strong welcome and the success of its trial residential schemes in Nottingham and Derby, Mercury was "now ready to launch the residential service across the country well before Christmas."

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PCW names agree to Lloyd's rescue terms

Mr Peter Miller, the chairman of Lloyd's, said yesterday that 96 per cent of the underwriting names involved in the PCW affair had assented to the formula devised by Lloyd's to settle the matter.

He is now looking to the Director of Public Prosecutions to open criminal proceedings against Mr Peter Cameron-Webb and Mr Peter Dixon, who defrauded investors in the PCW syndicates of £40 million.

Lloyd's itself will put in £48 million, with the balance coming from companies which Lloyd's deems may be under a legal or moral responsibility to syndicate members. They include the Minet Group and Alexander & Alexander.

Mr Miller said yesterday that only 60 names had yet to assent to the offer. The deadline for acceptance of the

terms ran out last Friday, but letters of acceptance are still being opened and names have until July 8 to pay.

Mr Miller reiterated that "there will be no deals" with those who have turned their back on the offer. Lloyd's appears confident that all but a handful will finally accept the terms. It is undaunted by threats of legal action by some of the worst hit names.

"My gut feeling is that it is extremely unlikely," said Mr Miller. "As of last night there were only six US citizens who had not assented. Their total commitment is about £57,000. I therefore think it is extremely unlikely that there is any prospect of action in the United States. I have no indication of any name wishing to pursue the matter in the English courts at this stage."

Mr Miller said that the Government, the European Economic Community and 22 other countries behind the insolvent International Tin Council cannot be held liable for its multi-million debts, the High Court ruled yesterday.

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Board offer made by Guinness Peat

Guinness Peat Group, the merchant banking company, announced yesterday that it was making an unconditional offer of two board directorships to Equitcorp, its largest shareholder.

Equitcorp will now have to decide whether to continue with its demand for three boardroom seats and a special shareholders' meeting to settle the matter.

After a board meeting on Tuesday, GPG offered directorships to Mr Allan Hawkins, chairman of Equitcorp, and Mr Grant Adams, chairman of Capitalcorp International. Capitalcorp, a subsidiary of Equitcorp, owns 28 per cent of GPG.

Negotiations between GPG and its main shareholder were broken off abruptly by Equitcorp last week because GPG refused to agree to its request for three board seats. Equitcorp insisted on requisitioning a special meeting of shareholders to decide how many seats it should be given.

Mr Peter Hunt, managing director of Capitalcorp, said that it was the first time GPG had made such an offer unconditionally and that his company would reply within a few days.

GPG said that it hoped discussions over the co-operation between the two companies could now be resumed.

Sids' Spanish trips may cost a packet

downing the first Sangria of the day.

The best profits are to be made in the first minutes of dealings, so anyone not in close touch with the stock market at 9.00 that morning will be at a serious disadvantage.

National Westminster, the parent of County Natwest, which has built up a computerized service to handle the massive sales of privatization stocks by individuals, suggests one solution.

If the allotment letter arrives before the Costa Del Sol express leaves, investors can sign it on the back and leave it with a neighbour, with instructions to sell at a particular price. It will be honoured by a bank or stockbroker. Beware, though, warns the bank. Once signed, the letter becomes a bearer document, and is as negotiable as a five pound note. Investors who hand over power of attorney for the purchase of the shares, can also extend it to include a sale.



Pragmatic approach to monetary policy: Herr Karl Otto Pöhl, the Bundesbank president

A second term for Pöhl

The West German cabinet yesterday re-appointed Herr Karl Otto Pöhl as president of the Bundesbank for a second eight-year term. Herr Heimut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank vice-president, was re-appointed for four years.

Eleven of the 16-member cabinet approved the re-appointment, but the five Christian Socialist members opposed it.

Herr Pöhl's re-appointment, at the age of 57, was generally expected but comes at an interesting juncture for monetary policy in the Federal Republic.

In the past few months, Herr Pöhl has presided over a shift away from rigid targeting of the money supply and towards a more pragmatic approach to monetary policy, with particular emphasis upon the exchange rate.

His re-appointment clearly signals an endorsement of this

policy line, with Herr Schlesinger remaining in position as the Bundesbank's monetarist conscience. Significantly, too, Herr Pöhl chose the day of his re-appointment to emphasize the long-term dangers of excessive money supply growth.

"In the medium term, we cannot afford to overlook the overshooting of our targets," he said at the International Monetary Conference in Hamburg.

Latest data for the central bank money stock, targeted by the Bundesbank, shows a 13-month growth rate of almost 8 per cent, against a 3 to 6 per cent target range.

The Bundesbank appeared to be easing the way for a reduction in official interest rates ahead of the Venice economic summit by reducing the interest rates on its securities repurchase pacts. But the dollar's firmer performance, until yesterday's correction, has allowed the Bundesbank to keep its heaviest interest rate artillery in reserve.

Dollar fall aids pound to recover

The 13 Opec members convene in Vienna today divided into their two usual groupings but united in their desire to maintain the present stability in the world oil market and to keep the oil price rising steadily.

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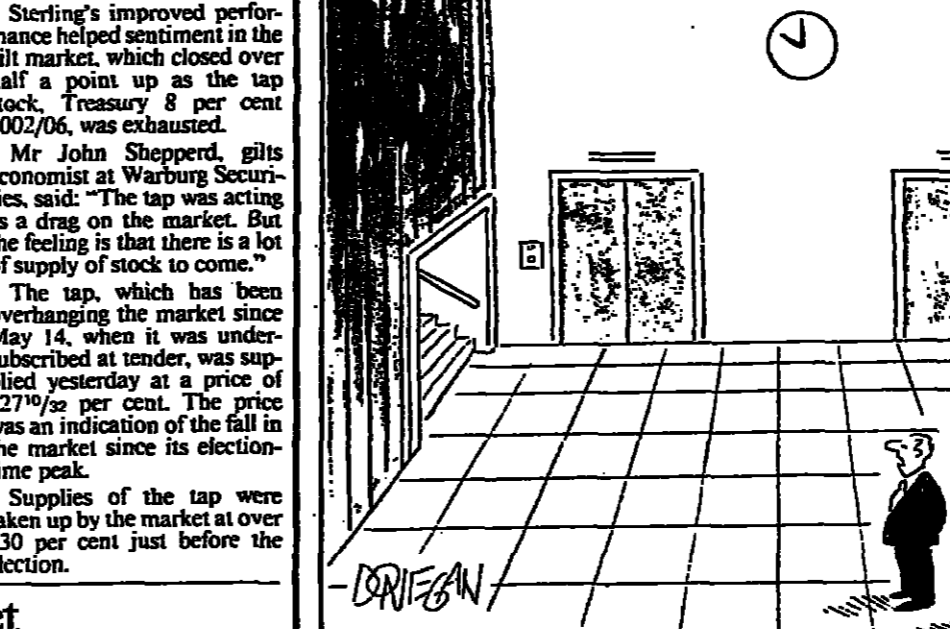
The sterling index rose by 0.6 points to 72.3 as the pound gained 1.6 pence to DM2.9513.

Sterling's improved performance helped sentiment in the gilt market, which closed over half a point up as the tap stock, Treasury 8 per cent 2002/06, was exhausted.

Mr John Sheppard, gilt economist at Warburg Securities, said: "The tap was acting as a drag on the market. But the feeling is that there is a lot of supply of stock to come."

The tap, which has been overhung the market since May 14, when it was under-subscribed at tender, was supplied yesterday at a price of £27 1/2 per cent. The price was an indication of the fall in the market since its election-time peak.

Supplies of the tap were taken up by the market at over £30 per cent just before the election.



Holiday snag for BAA float

If potential investors in BAA are queuing at Gatwick Airport, en route for Torremelinos, Marbella or other Costa Del Sol destinations, on the day the final prospectus is published, how can they also participate in the flotation of the company which owns the airport (and Heathrow, Stansted and four more in Scotland)?

The holiday factor could be one of the few pot-holes on the runway for BAA.

The prospectus is published on July 10, and all applications have to be in by July 16. Many schools in England and Wales break up at that time, while Scottish schools start their holidays from the end of this week.

Hundreds of thousands of potential investors in BAA will therefore be away from home, and unable to obtain application forms.

In a leaflet published by the Government's adviser to the issue, County Natwest, potential investors who will be away at the time of the offer are advised to appoint an agent, who would have to be given power of attorney, to apply for the shares on their behalf.

This will further complicate the 500 million share issue for some unsophisticated investors, who are already faced with the unfamiliar hybrid nature of the offer, which includes an invitation to tender for shares, as well as to apply at a fixed price.

County Natwest said yesterday that the proximity of the holiday period had been taken into account, but timing had been dictated by the General Election, which had pushed back the timetable.

Even more potential applicants will be on holiday when the basis of allocation of stock is announced on July 20, and when letters informing them of the number of shares received are posted a week later.

And on July 28, when first deals begin, the snags, who like to make a quick profit from new issues, will hardly want to be

Cut top rate tax now, says IoD

By David Smith and Edward Townsend

An immediate reduction in the higher rates of income tax, a scrapping of Treasury plans to limit tax-free pension lump sums and changes in the controversial reinsurance to close proposals affecting the Lloyd's insurance market were urged by the Institute of Directors yesterday.

The IoD also recommended a radical overhaul of pay bargaining and further stimulus for self-employment, part-time work and working from home activities often associated with the black economy - in longer-term proposals for the forthcoming Parliament.

Its tax proposals were sent to the Chancellor and are designed to influence the content of the Finance Bill, expected to include most of the clauses lost in the speedy passage of a truncated bill through Parliament before it was dissolved for the election.

The Chancellor is urged to proceed with reductions on the top tax rates immediately, rather than wait until the Budget next March.

The IoD said: "If a reduction would be beneficial as you and we appear to agree, why defer it until next year? We suggest you reduce the top rate to 50 per cent immediately."

The proposed £150,000 ceiling on tax-free pension lump sums is unnecessary to prevent tax avoidance, says the IoD, and "appears to derive from the sort of misplaced egalitarian sentiment more normally associated with the parties opposing the present Government".

The restrictions on commutation of lump sums would be a significant bar to job mobility.

The Institute urges the Chancellor to adopt the alternative to the reinsurance to close proposals put forward by Lloyd's, whereby the Inland Revenue has to satisfy itself that a contract price is the same as what would have been arrived at in the market.

The directors' organization, on the eve of the Queen's Speech, also wanted the Government to take the lead in a radical overhaul of pay bargaining, by introducing regional negotiations in many areas of the public sector.

The job creation demands, as well as "action to break traditional work patterns", include getting rid of the administrative burdens on small businesses wanting to recruit staff and promoting job mobility by easing rent controls and introducing tax concessions for owner-occupiers letting rooms.

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Century in £11.5m call to aid expansion

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SCM's £67m titanium plan Half-time rise at Anglia TV

Hanson Trust's American offshoot, SCM Chemicals, is to spend £67.5 million expanding its Australian production capacity...

DDT profits down

DDT Group, which specializes in third party maintenance of computers and telecommunications equipment...

Overseas first for ICI

Mr Denys Henderson (right) chaired ICI's first board meeting outside Britain yesterday at the New York Stock Exchange...

Cocom exports probe

The Co-ordinating Committee on Multilateral Export Controls (Cocom) was yesterday trying to find ways of improving controls on western sales of high technology to the Soviet bloc...

STOCK MARKET

Strong institutional support helps lift shares as gilts rally

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Some reassuring words on the economy from Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was enough to put a smile back on the faces of City fund managers and fresh heart into share prices and government stocks yesterday.

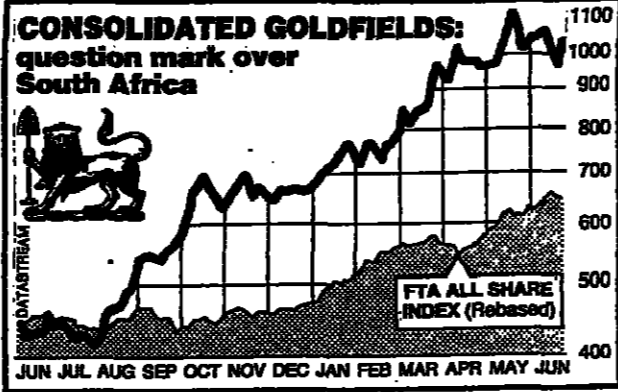
Dealers reported solid support from institutions who, it appeared, had lost heart since the election, owing to the absence of the expected surge of foreign funds into London and renewed worries about inflation.

Hanson Trust accounted for more than 13 per cent of the total with 96 million shares traded after one big seller off-loaded 45 million shares (5 per cent), worth almost £75 million. It is believed that the seller was the powerful and secretive Kuwait Investment Office.

Hoare Govett, Hanson's own broker, completed the business, placing the shares at 166p with a small number of domestic and US institutions without too much trouble.

The KIO acquired most of its holding in July, 1985 by taking up many of the remaining shares that had been left with the underwriters after Hanson launched a £519 million rights issue. Dealers had been worried for some weeks that a sizeable chunk of Hanson shares had been overhanging the market.

Meanwhile, there was strong demand for other leading shares and, after a pause for breath at about tea time, prices eventually closed at their best levels of the day. The FT 30 Share index ended 24.8 points up at 1,773.4, while the FT-SE 100 sported a rise of 18.5 at 2,284.0.



Consolidated Gold Fields, the mining finance house, convinced that Mr Agnew would like to lower the profile of the group's South African interests by expanding its other interests around the world.

Shares of Boots, the retailing and pharmaceuticals group, advanced by a further 17p to 299p with Nomura Securities, the big Japanese securities house, reported to be a large buyer.

STC, the telecommunications and electronics group, moved up sharply, to close 14p higher at 299p after 301p, on speculative buying.

Breweries were rejuvenated by the pledge by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, to allow long distance drinking hours with public houses opening for 12 hours a day.

TEMPUS

Cable pays a price for Oriental orientation

Cable and Wireless continues to pay the price for earning more than 80 per cent of its operating profits in the fast moving Oriental markets.

Trading in local currencies was well ahead but on translation, the influence of a weak US dollar took its toll, trimming the advance in pretax profits from 27 per cent to 15 per cent.

Some analysts were wrong-footed by the currency effect. This together with downward adjustment of 1987-88 estimates drove the share price down.

The exceptionally strong interest and other income contribution also introduced a note of uncertainty.

But at these levels even the bears are finding it difficult to muster sellers. In the past they have used the group's entanglements in the political arena both at home and abroad as ammunition, but this is now virtually all discounted in the price.

And the fundamentals look good. In Hong Kong, the traditional powerhouse for Cable and Wireless, demand both domestically and further afield grew by between 35 and 40 per cent last year.

Admittedly, 1997 could bring with it untold complications but, between now and then there are useful profits to be made.

The biggest boost to profits over the next few years will come from Mercury, the British network operation. It accounts for a third of group assets but is yet to make money.

Having lost £19 million last year, Mercury is now breaking even. It could account for more than 20 per cent of pretax profits by the end of the decade.

The situation in Japan is likely to come to a head in the next few months with the bulls expecting a licence to be granted.

If so, this will be another step towards the establishment of a transworld digital highway. Profits should not be expected from Japan for at least three years although a positive solution will improve sentiment.

Compared with other international telecommunications stocks, Cable and Wireless is not expensive, particularly on a 1988-89 forecast of at least £450 million. This is selling on the average multiple of the British market.

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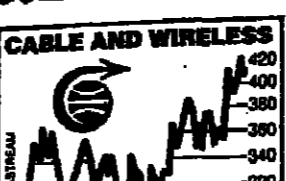
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Group profits could just top the £50 million mark this year and, as any school report might say, "Charter has potential". But for choice, Johnson Matthey has the edge.

The air of calm complacency in the oil market has a eerie quality after the Opec-led turbulence of the last several years.

Investors and traders are hoping that today's Opec meeting will be an harmonious occasion, with a minimum of argument about the oil price and the collective production ceiling.

The range of expected outcomes is narrow and reflects the continuing divisions in Opec.

The moderates, led by Saudi Arabia, are seeking unchanged prices at \$18 a barrel and small production increases in line with last December's agreement. This will allow the 15.8 million bpd production ceiling to rise to 16.6 million bpd in the third quarter and 18.3 million bpd in the final quarter.

Opec should find this reasonably easy to live with. Trends in worldwide demand have been somewhat disappointing but stocks are low and Opec production has been edging over 16 million bpd anyway.

The hawks, led by Iran, are in favour of pushing prices up to \$28 a barrel and could press for quotas to be kept at 15.8 million bpd.

There may also be a move for an official \$20 oil price. Saudi support is needed for the hawks to succeed as it can meet any shortfall in production to keep prices at \$18.

The moderates are thus likely to have their way and oil shares could be in for a soggy six months.

The exploration stocks are already discounting oil prices of \$20 and more and, while they are likely to remain overpriced, they could come off a little.

BP and Shell's downstream activities will benefit from stable prices but the recently-strengthening dollar has been bad for margins.

Yields of 5.2 per cent and 4.5 per cent respectively will underpin BP and Shell's share prices and the forthcoming government share sale will keep interest high.

WALL STREET

Dow up 8 points after early profit-taking

New York (Agencies) - Profit-taking during early trading led steam yesterday and shares turned mixed as institutions began to spruce up their portfolios before the end of the quarter.

However, a mild weakness in the dollar and bond markets kept investors cautious.

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In some cases the company may be restructured, new management installed, new products launched, new ideas and techniques introduced. Alternatively, the company's shares may be so cheap that a

Glynwed in £6m steel tube buy

Birmingham-based Glynwed International is buying Hub and Gillespie (Holdings) for £6 million cash, of which £1 million is being deferred for 12 months.

The Hub group is the largest specialist stockist in the precision/mechanical welded steel tube market. It also has a significant presence in the distribution market for architectural aluminium sections.

This will strengthen Glynwed's strategic position in the welded steel tube industry.

Glynwed's main activities cover consumer and building products, engineering, steels, tubes and fittings and property.

• JAMES LATHAM: Year to March 31. Total dividend 16.5p (14.25p). One-for-one scrip issue planned. With figures in £000: Turnover 43,269 (37,019). Pretax profit 2,072 (1,908). Earnings per share 90.71p (43.96p).

• BPF HOLDINGS: Conditional agreement has been reached for the purchase of Mander Portman Woodward, a private tutorial college for an initial price of £3 million in ordinary shares and a deferred price of up to a maximum of £500,000 cash.

• KEWILL SYSTEMS: Year to March 31. Dividend 1.5p (1.2p). With figures in £000: Turnover 4,740 (4,219). Pretax profit 685 (626). Earnings per share 7.89p (6.70p).

• CHELSEA: Half-Year to March 31. Total dividend 2.9p. With figures in £000: Turnover 4,800 (3,550). Pretax profit 1,601 (959). Earnings per share 9.66p (5.80p). The company is trading ahead of the comparable record last year.

• BLACKS: Half-Year to March 31. Interim dividend 1.45p (against the forecast of 1.45p payable on September 9. With figures in £000: Turnover 7,454 (7,012). Pretax profit 1,816 (1,378). Earnings per share 6.23p (3.19p). The future flow of corporate tax relief was expected to increase during the last year by £3.5 million to £22.8 million (1986, £19.3 million). Current trading is encouraging.

COMPANY NEWS

• DUNDEE & LONDON INVESTMENT TRUST: Six months to April 30. Interim dividend 2.4p (2.2p). With figures in £000: Pretax profit 615 (570). Earnings per share 2.46p (2.29p).

• BOUSTEAD: The company has sold its 79.9 per cent interest in Parcus. Investment of £683,730 cash. Parcus is an unquoted investment company.

• NOBLE & LUND: Agreement has been entered into for the purchase of Anciens Establishments Jacques Freres for £5.5 million. Parcus is an unquoted investment company.

• MOUNTVIEW ESTATES: Year to March 31. Total dividend 6p (5p). With figures in £000: Turnover 10,733 (8,237). Pretax profit 7,156 (5,441). Earnings per share 93.8p (65.3p).

• SCOTTISH HERITABLE TRUST: The trust has made an acquisition to expand its textile division. It has bought JG Glover and its offshoot, Nippasox, for £1.2 million in cash. Glover has been making losses, but Nippasox produces pretax profits of about £300,000 a year.

• CARROLL INDUSTRIES: Interim dividend maintained at 2.8p for the six months to March 31. With figures in £000: Pretax profit 5,668 (£5.09 million), against 6,176. Sales 143,366 (142,375). Earnings per share 6.70p (7.00p).

• SOMIC: Final dividend of 1.5p for the year ended March 31, payable on August 14.

BASE LENDING RATES

Table listing bank lending rates for various categories like AGN, Adm & Company, BCCI, etc.

CANADIAN PRICES

Table listing Canadian share prices for various companies like Agnico, Alcan, etc.

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Leigh seeks to detoxify

Leigh Interests, the Birmingham waste disposal specialist, has put a bid for a large contract to detoxify chemical dump sites used by the United States Army in America.

The approach, which could mean an initial \$1 million (£628,430) contract for Leigh reflects growing opportunities for the company's Sealosite waste recovery system. Mr William Fybus, the chairman, said yesterday.

Time to name new names

If you are thinking of becoming a "name" at Lloyd's, you had better get a move on. The deadline for preliminary applications is next Tuesday - June 30 - and each application has to be accompanied by a sponsorship form signed by two existing members of Lloyd's. Even though the world's most famous insurance market has had its fair share of scandals, membership has risen from 20,142 names in 1982 to 31,484, so far, this year. Each name has to prove a minimum worth of £100,000 - 60 per cent of which must be in liquid assets and 40 per cent of which can be in property, other than a primary residence - and new names can hope to see some sort of return on their money in three years' time. Returns in this year look like averaging out at between 8 per cent and 10 per cent, a marked improvement on 1986 - one of the worst years on record - when there was an average return of just 3.7 per cent. "The main advantage of being a name is that it allows you money to work twice," says Theresa Hutchings, a director of Laurence Phillips, managing and members' agent for almost 300 names.

Our cup of tea

Who would spend £136 on a square teapot? Or £9 on a plate? Southerners and Scots apparently, but not people from the Midlands or North-east. Rorstrand, an unmarke

Efficiency gains rather than devaluation fuel the economy

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Devaluation, the Government used to say, does not work. The boost to inflation from higher import prices touches off higher pay claims which gradually erode the competitive advantage afforded by a lower exchange rate. Why then do we seem to be enjoying a devaluation-inspired boom at present?

The answer may be that the present satisfactory rate of growth in the economy does not stem primarily from last year's fall in the pound. Much of the buoyancy in the economy, it is true, has come from import substitution. In spite of continuing strong growth in consumer spending, the volume of imports has fallen sharply so far this year, while exports for the latest three months have shown a modest increase despite faltering world trade.

But if this is simply a response to a more competitive pound it has shown itself much earlier than it used to. On the basis of past experience, the Treasury's economic model suggests that the main effect of a devaluation on output is not felt until 18 months to two years later. It takes that long for a company's product and marketing strategy to reflect new opportunities and for new orders to show through in production.

Some businesses have a much shorter lead time, so some of the effects may already be showing through and maybe response times have quickened. But it is not clear that the 4 per cent output growth in the first quarter of this year, as reported by the Central Statistical Office on

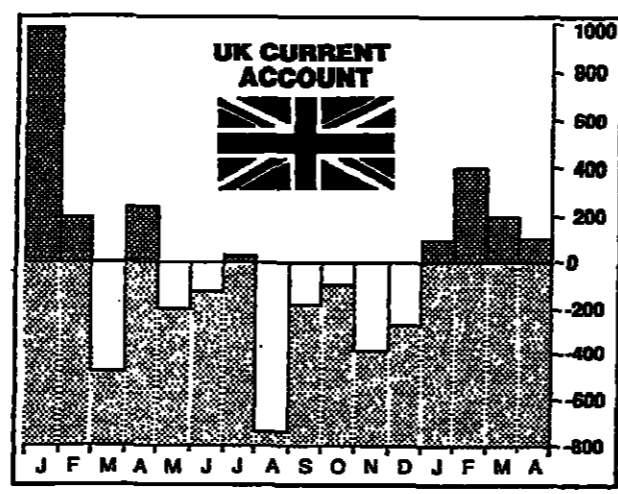
Monday, represents a devaluation boom. If devaluation does not account for more than part of the buoyancy of net exports, what else is happening?

According to Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, in his speech to the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce this week: "As this upswing goes on, more and more people, at home and abroad, are realizing that what we are seeing is much more than a recovery from recession, or than the operation of the normal cyclical pattern." Far from being the usual short-term response to higher demand, we are seeing a dramatic improvement in the supply side of the economy. Britain is producing goods and services more efficiently.

To some degree Mr Lawson must be right. Productivity has been rising rapidly in manufacturing. The number of strikes is down. If one looks at individual industries, multinational companies in the car industry, for instance, have been switching production back from the Continent to Britain because of lower costs on this side of the Channel and improved quality control.

Mr Giles Keating of Credit Suisse First Boston points out that General Motors, which sourced more than 40 per cent of its British sales from abroad during 1985 and the first three quarters of 1986, cut its imports to 32.3 per cent in the final quarter of last year and has further reduced them to 29.1 per cent in the first five months of this year.

ECONOMIC VIEW



Ford has big expansion plans in Britain; Peugeot reports that warranty costs have fallen 50 per cent since 1982 — all classic examples of the kind of efficiency gains economists lump together under "supply side" improvements.

This is not to say that devaluation may not in due course yield some benefits. Scepticism about a lower exchange rate achieving any lasting improvement in competitiveness is born of devaluations usually turning out to be nominal rather than real adjustments.

This time, because the fall in sterling coincided with the fall in oil prices, devaluation has had little effect on inflation or wage costs. Countries such as West Germany, whose currencies remained strong, have also benefited from lower oil prices and West German inflation has been negative.

tions, have undermined confidence, and no improvement in the growth rate is expected next year.

In spite of this the British economy has continued to buck the trend. The latest official forecast being prepared at the Treasury is likely, if anything, to show a higher rate of growth than the Budget forecast of 3 per cent, perhaps in line with the OECD's prediction for Britain of 3 3/4 per cent.

The Treasury's inflation forecast will also be shaded down to below 4 per cent for the final quarter of the year as the Chancellor indicated during the election campaign. This reflects the recovery in sterling since the Budget. And the public sector borrowing requirement is not likely to exceed the £4 billion target set in the Budget, judging by the repayment in May.

On the balance of payments the outlook seems likely to be substantially better than the Budget forecast of a deficit of £2.5 billion. In the first four months of this year the current account is estimated to have been in surplus every month, leaving Britain £750 million in the black with a third of the year gone.

There are still not many people expecting a surplus for the year, but if the benefits of a real fall in the exchange rate are largely still to come, that is not out of the question. With domestic demand buoyant in Britain and much of the rest of the world in gloom, to achieve anything like balance would be an exhilarating contrast with the experience of most of the past quarter century.

COMMENT

Pöhl walks tightrope of German consensus

It is inconceivable in today's Britain that Robin Leigh-Pemberton would be reappointed Governor of the Bank of England had Mrs Thatcher lost the election. Indeed, his original appointment, before the 1983 election, proved so politically controversial that Labour would have pushed him out straight away had it won then. Luckily for the Germans, things are ordered differently in Bonn, where almost everyone is in favour of a monetary policy that will not permit rampant inflation. It was thus almost a formality that Karl Otto Pöhl gained a further eight-year term as President of the Bundesbank, though he was once as closely associated with the opposition social democrats, who appointed him, as Mr Leigh-Pemberton was with the Conservative Party.

Performance may also have something to do with it. The Governor is by no means certain of another term next year, since he has not always shown a safe pair of hands. Herr Pöhl, by contrast, has emerged as one of the two most influential central bankers in international discussion of exchange rate and monetary co-operation. Since the other, Paul Volcker, is on the way out, Herr Pöhl is likely to be called on for leadership.

He will not be giving an unequivocal message. The Bundesbank has recently used an exchange rate target for monetary policy almost as much as the Treasury and the Bank of England and has likewise exceeded its targets for monetary growth. There are two differences. Germany still has negligible inflation, mainly thanks to the improving terms of trade — though this could change if dollar weakness persists into a period of rising commodity prices. And, as Herr Pöhl made clear yesterday, the Bundesbank feels guilty about exceeding monetary targets, while the British authorities prefer to pretend nothing is amiss.

The great strength of German monetary policy, however, is the overt restriction on its scope. Monetary targets are set to accommodate the expected trends in the economy without inflation (or deflation). They are not used, as in Britain, or especially the United States, as a principle lever on the economy. The reluctance of the Germans to engage in a positive policy of cutting interest rates to stimulate their sluggish economy is, for this reason, often misinterpreted as excessive caution.

The continuing message from Herr Pöhl will surely be that less weight should be placed on monetary management as a policy tool. Fiscal policy is there to stimulate or rein back demand and direct action should be used to help stabilize exchange rates within that framework. In that context, Herr Pöhl has proved a constant and persuasive

lobbyist for sterling to be fixed in the EMS. German monetary policy has worked partly because history has produced a consensus fearful of inflation but also because the independent central bank has not been obliged, like Mr Volcker, to bear too much of the burden of economic management. This is an important message for Herr Pöhl to evangelize, not least at home where his opposite number, finance minister Gerhard Stoltenberg, despite the supposedly close working relationship between the two, has not been as adventurous as he might have been in cutting taxes, liberalizing the economy and boosting domestic demand.

The fight for JWT

The independent days of the world's fourth largest advertising agency, JWT, are surely numbered as the predators gather round in ever increasing numbers. Latest addition to the pack is a surprise — none other than John Gunn's financial conglomerate, British & Commonwealth group.

JWT's agonies are largely of its own making. Its financial performance has been miserable compared with other leading US groups and morale has been sapped by a number of spectacular internal rows and top level departures. But it took the shrewd financial brain of Martin Sorrell, former financial director of Saatchi & Saatchi, to seize the opportunity from beneath the very noses of the US giants of the advertising industry. After B&C's annual meeting yesterday, John Gunn was largely silent as to the extent of his interest, apart from saying that he was not interested in the whole of JWT. Across the Atlantic, his colleague, John Wood, who runs the group's media subsidiary, Trilateral Communications, has been much more forthcoming. He has indicated that B&C is interested in an amicable deal which would leave JWT some breathing space to restructure itself financially. If there are some parts of the group that have to go in order to finance the restructuring, then B&C might be interested in buying them.

Events are developing speedily and B&C might be forced to move within days. For, apart from Martin Sorrell's WPP Group, several more potential players are reportedly waiting in the wings. Merrill Lynch is said to be working on a management buyout. Ogilvy and Mather is said to be putting together a consortium to keep JWT independent. MCA, the entertainment conglomerate has been in talks with JWT and the Interpublic Group is also believed to be interested. But anyone who has watched John Gunn's meteoric rise in the financial world over the past decade would never underestimate his chances of success.

BT in talks on consortium

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

A powerful international consortium to exploit expanding cellular telephone opportunities in Europe is being explored by British Telecom, Alcatel in France, and Motorola in the United States.

It could give BT its first stake in telecommunications manufacturing in Europe. Talks are well advanced and agreement could be close.

The first hint of the consortium came yesterday from Motorola, in Chicago, which said it was mounting a new drive into Europe.

It looks as if the consortium will be in the new telecommunications industry mould of a series of companies being linked through swaps in each others' equity. This is how BT could secure an interest in manufacturing.

Market debut for Harland Simon

By Cliff Feltham

Harland Simon, which has played a part in revolutionizing the newspaper publishing industry, is coming to the stock market with a value of £18.6 million.

Harland Simon, based at Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, supplies computer control equipment that acts as the "nerve centre" for running newspaper presses.

Backed by a healthy order book, now standing at £18 million, Harland Simon is placing 30 per cent of its enlarged equity at 135p a

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share, representing an historic price/earnings multiple of 17.5.

While most of the sales are to the newspaper business, it also supplies the paper, textiles, converting, plastics and metal processing industries.

After the placing, the group's biggest shareholders will be CIN Industrial Investments (17.4 per cent), Electra Investment Trust (17.4 per cent), Hambro Group Investments (18 per cent), and Pergamon Holdings (7.1 per cent).

Leigh seeks \$1m deal to detoxify dump sites

By Ray Heath

Leigh Interests, the Birmingham waste disposal specialist, has put in a bid for a large contract to detoxify chemical dump sites used by the United States Army in America.

The approach, which could mean an initial \$1 million (£628,930) contract for Leigh, reflects growing opportunities for the company's Seasafe waste recovery system. Mr William Pybus, the chairman, said yesterday.

Leigh's profits in the year to end-March rose 53 per cent to £2.47 million and were held back by poor demand in the group's oil recovery business and disappointing results from Leigh Pollution Control.

Mr Pybus said he expected a growing number of opportunities for the company from privatization of local authorities' waste disposal interests.

A final dividend of 2.75p is to be paid, making a total of 4.15p.

Flotation price values Glamor at £8.9m

By Michael Tate

Mr Derek Guinness, who sells tights and stockings through most of the main supermarket chains, is bringing his company, Glamor Group to the stock market.

De Zoete & Bevan, the stockbroker, is placing 1.25 million shares at 178p, valuing the business at £8.9 million.

Glamor is a distribution group whose skill is in marketing women's tights.

It claims to be expanding faster than its two main rivals, thanks to its sourcing and quality control from low cost manufacturers in Europe, local British packaging and fast distribution, and in-store merchandising.

Profits have quadrupled since 1985 to about £890,000 in the year to end-March. The company is valued at 15.75 times earnings at its placing price.

HM is not amused

By Michael Tate

The Queen, owner of that magnificent yacht, Britannia, has, I understand, refused permission for the vessel to be used as the venue for a launch party of the Royal Mint's first ever one ounce gold bullion coin, similarly named the Britannia. The one ounce coin — which will also be sold in lesser denominations — will have a face value of £100 when it goes on sale in mid-October, and its actual market price will be determined by the daily gold-fix price. The Royal yacht, now undergoing a six-month refit at Devonport naval yard, is expected to return to service at about the same time, but Royal Mint staff are, I'm told, now looking for an alternative venue for the party. The Mint is spending £1.5 million on promoting the coin — making it the Mint's biggest marketing venture so far — and it has even appointed the publicly-quoted PR agency Shandwick to offer professional assistance. "We still haven't decided exactly when or where the launch will be," a spokeswoman for Shandwick tells me.

Valor subsidiary Crewsaver, which sells more life jackets in Britain than any other company, is hoping to boost its sales here further with the appointment of a new sales representative, by the name of... Will Drown. Will, aged 28, from Bedfordshire, got the job in the face of competition from 19 other candidates — but you could be forgiven for thinking there was no real competition.

Carol Leonard

Time to name new names

By Michael Tate

If you are thinking of becoming a "name" at Lloyd's, you had better get a move on. The deadline for preliminary applications is next Tuesday — June 30 — and each application has to be accompanied by a sponsorship form signed by two existing members of Lloyd's. Even though the world's most famous insurance market has had its fair share of scandals, membership has risen from 20,145 names in 1982 to 31,484, so far, this year. Each name has to prove a minimum worth of £100,000 — 60 per cent of which must be in liquid assets and 40 per cent of which can be in property, other than a primary residence — and new names can hope to see some sort of return on their money in three years' time. Returns this year look like averaging out at between 8 per cent and 10 per cent, a marked improvement on 1986 — one of the worst years on record — when there was an average return of just 3.7 per cent. "The main advantage of being a name is that it allows your money to work twice," says Theresa Hutchings, a director of Laurence Philipps, managing and members' agent for almost 300 names.

Swedish porcelain producer, believes there is now enough affluence in the South-east to justify a big sales drive. Geoffrey Powell, of Storrington Trading, a Chichester company which imports lots of Nordic delights, says that London stores such as Harrods hope to sell such extravagances to residents in

Britain rather than just tourists. And he says that while the dinner tables in both the South and Scotland are often graced with stylish Swedish and Finnish ware, the inhabitants of Birmingham, Manchester, Leeds and Sheffield are largely unappreciative.

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Whose picture would you expect on a new Britannia?

Sombre-suited humour

By Michael Tate

Those sombre-suited men at the National Association of Pension Funds, have a sense of humour after all. Bearing in mind the deadline next April which will allow all employees to choose between company pension schemes and their own personal plans, the NAPF has prepared a comical video

as part of a larger campaign which preaches caution. Entitled *When I'm 64*, the video shows scenes of comedian Lenny Henry sitting in a coffin trying to rearrange his financial affairs while the undertaker attempts to nail down the lid, crying "Too late, too late."

Snap judge

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PRELIMINARY RESULTS

	To March 1987	To March 1986	Change
Profit before tax	£42.2m	£28.8m	+ 47%
Profit attributable	£31.2m	£19.8m	+ 58%
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Dollar 'facing fresh tests'

From Bailey Morris, Hamburg

The dollar has entered an important new testing period, say Western central bankers who disclosed yesterday that there had been no intervention since May to hold the US currency at present levels.

The optimistic assessment of the market's new confidence in the dollar was given by central bankers from the Group of Five nations during the final session of the conference.

M Jacques de Larosiere, Governor of the Bank of France, said markets appeared to have reached a consensus that the dollar had achieved an "equilibrium level", supported by the economic policies in place.

Heads of the world's 100 largest banks gave a nostalgic farewell to Mr Paul Volcker, Federal Reserve Board chairman, and welcomed Herr Karl Otto Pohl, president of the West German central bank, as the West's spokesman on monetary and debt issues.

The recent increase in American exports and the projected drop in the US budget deficit were stabilizing influences, he said.

Herr Pohl was reappointed yesterday to a new eight-year term as head of the West German central bank.

Bankers attending the annual International Monetary Conference, however, expressed scepticism, saying the dollar would again come under pressure as soon as the word spread that the central banks were no longer intervening heavily.

He said the outlook for the West German economy had improved significantly in recent months, indicating that there would be more growth than anticipated.

Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, had earlier told officials during the private sessions of the meeting that Britain was not about to join the European Monetary System.

The central bankers agreed there was no magic formula to adequately provision their banking systems against losses from Third World loans.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton said each bank must review its own portfolio and make assessments for each country.

He said: "For some countries, the level ought to be 5 per cent, for others it ought to be 100 per cent. It will work out differently according to the level of an individual bank's exposure."

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CABLE AND WIRELESS ANNOUNCE PRE-TAX PROFIT OF £340m.

The following extracts are from the statement issued by Sir Eric Sharp CBE, Chairman and Chief Executive of Cable and Wireless plc. This statement accompanied the announcement of the Group's results for the financial year 1986/87.

Table with columns: 1987, 1986. Rows include Turnover, Profit before taxation, Profit attributable to members of parent company, Dividends, Earnings per share, Dividends per share, After tax return on average net assets.

rapidly developing towards an all-digital state. HKT now operates a highly customer-orientated digital network which is one of the largest urban networks in the world. "Our private trans-Atlantic cable (PIAT) project has made significant progress. The contract for its manufacture was awarded in November, 1986."

"In an increasingly competitive environment, pre-tax profit has increased by 15 per cent from £295m to £340m despite a strengthening of sterling by almost 10 per cent against the Group's major trading currencies."

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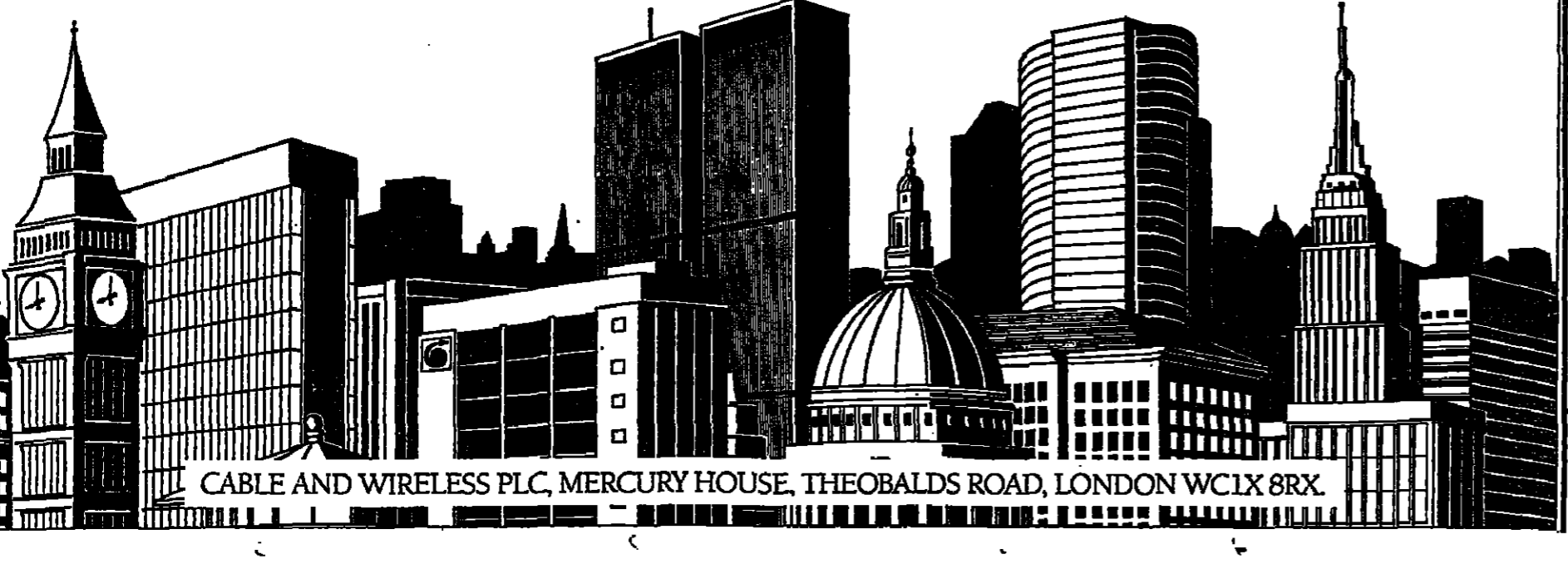
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"Mercury, the Group's 100 per cent subsidiary, is one of the major industrial undertakings

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5	Phos	Chemicals, Plastics	
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7	Tic Rack	Drapery, Stores	
8	Five Oaks	Property	
9	Carole Eng	Industrial A-D	
10	Glywed	Industrial E-K	
11	Bent Chem	Chemicals, Plastics	
12	Oil Western Res	Oil & Gas	
13	Pratt Marine	Property	
14	Wrightland	Motors, Aircraft	
15	Trinoco	Motors, Aircraft	
16	Babaco	Industrial A-D	
17	Rugby Conest	Building, Roads	
18	Hopkings	Industrial E-K	
19	Baker (HP)	Breweries	
20	ML Hldgs	Industrial L-R	
21	Microgen	Electronics	
22	Someric Clothes	Drapery, Stores	
23	Conells	Property	
24	Greenwich Clothes	Drapery, Stores	
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28	Brown Shapley	Banks, Discount	
29	Lovell (Y)	Building, Roads	
30	Science (CH)	Industrial A-D	
31	Davis (Godfrey)	Motors, Aircraft	
32	Really Useful	Leisure	
33	System Designers	Electronics	
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35	Hunterprint	Paper, Print, Adv	
36	CASE	Electronics	
37	Tarner & Newall	Industrial S-Z	
38	Stawley (CH)	Industrial A-D	
39	Stanley	Industrial S-Z	
40	O'Brien Paper	Paper, Print, Adv	
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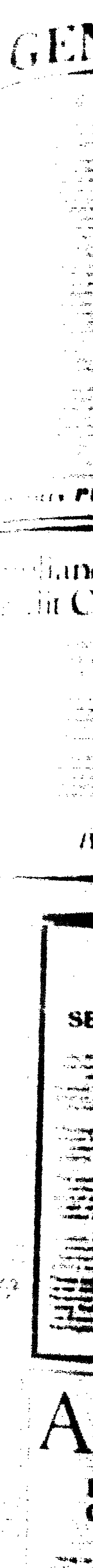
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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

June 25, 1987

A handful of firms seem to be forever in our minds. We see their products in every shop, on every motorway. Somehow they are pouring out the goods we all want to buy, not once in a while, but relentlessly. How do they do it? What makes them so much more successful than the generality of industry?

Last year, Britain's National Economic Development Office (NEDO) commissioned a study to find out. It looked at "winning" companies in this country, in the United States, France, West Germany, Italy, Scandinavia and, of course, Japan.

When the author of this international study, James Fairhead, came to report I do not know what we expected to hear. It was not what we got. Despite a thousand differences, all those exemplary companies have one thing in common, he said. They share the same "corporate culture".

Whatever is that? We wondered. I find now it is easier to recognize than describe.

In Britain, as in America, companies, typically, put profit as their first priority. Numbers and control are the name of their game. The companies that are "winning", by contrast, seem far less obsessed by the endless concentration on profit. They

spend their time worrying about their customers, their products and their people.

If you satisfy your customers, they say, profits will come. The emphasis and focus are different.

Don Peterson, chairman of Ford in the United States, says "the passenger and the driver" are now "the centre of the Ford Universe". The head of another US corporation makes a point of telephoning three customers every week, and three people who didn't buy. Victor Kiam, the boss of Remington, who has sold us all 100 times that "I liked the product so much I bought the company", still makes sales calls. As, indeed, does everyone in the research and development department of 3M.

In Sharp designers can be away from their drawing boards up to six months a year, visiting customers and studying competitors. The aim invariably is to "stand in their customers' shoes".

Already that preoccupation with customers makes those firms behave differently.

Further, they are for the things they make with an intensity that would astonish most people in most firms. A friend of mine gave lunch to Akio Morita, the chairman of Sony. Within moments Morita pulled three new products from his pockets, one a small television. One of Britain's true

James Pilditch; Successful bosses say that if you satisfy your customers, the profits follow

Winning companies concentrate on their people and products



James Pilditch was chairman of a NEDO design working party. He is author of *Winning Ways*, describing how winning companies develop the products we all want to buy, published this month by Harper and Row

success stories is J.C. Bamford. Its earth-moving equipment has market leadership in 50 countries. The company achieves it, in part, by unceasing improvement of its products. And everyone is concerned for quality. That is not a job siphoned off to a special department.

So far, so different. But it is when they come to people that these winning companies become so remarkable. If it sounds pious and insincere to talk of everyone in the business being "a partner", they mean it, and they show they mean it.

The point, they will tell you, is that techniques do not win customers. People do, people who care. "You have to know people."

says Sony, "before you make any product." Further, you need so much knowledge today, often so specialized, that the hierarchy that assumes that people at the top always know best is absurd. Jan Carlzon, the boss of SAS (Scandinavian Airlines), has remarked: "While societies have changed, companies have not. We take people from the new levelled society and stick them right at the bottom of the old pyramid company."

In Britain, still, old attitudes are alive and well. Having your own office (with a carpet if you're really senior), and your name on the door, is much prized here. In Japan the chairman of Honda shares his office with the chief

executive and 31 other people. His office is not on the top floor of Honda's new office building but deliberately in the middle. Exclusive dining rooms, executive car parks - such marks of status are seldom seen in these winning companies.

In their place comes a new openness. Bosses do not sit on the top floor tapping calculators, but "manage by walking about".

Just as the traditional pyramid is crumbling, so are the fortified departments we are so used to. People from different disciplines work in teams, focused on achieving results here and now. Speed, indeed, has become a new key to competitiveness. You cannot have

that speed in a company that lets information dribble down and force its way up one department before moving to the next. Today ideas and facts must whizz across the company, from one specialist to another.

For 10 years an American friend of mine has studied the companies that do better than most. All, he claims, are characterized by "excellent communications". Every one in such a company knows its goals and is encouraged to use his initiative to help achieve them. Stimulating that means both recognizing success and allowing people to fail without criticism. That is part of winning, too.

You will hear companies say: "Of course we care for our people."

See what we spend on employee communications." All fine, but not the same, not the same at all.

What does all this amount to? A new kind of company is emerging: flatter, more open, driving with enthusiasm, fun to work for. You see it now in a few newer businesses.

Design is one. Elements of merchant banking may be others, some microelectronic firms still more. Without question, the majority of companies are nowhere near them yet.

The essential point is that the companies that share this "corporate culture" did not go that way for its own sake, but because it is the attitude that works. There are profound implications for education and recruitment. Educating people to work in teams, sharing and respecting the expertise of others, is one. Hiring people who are less conformist than energetic is another.

The idea is to generate products people want; find out what that is, then provide it more quickly than anyone else. To do this, you need a new attitude, a new *esprit*. "Get on with it. Do it now" has become the imperative. That demands new - and shared - values. Happily, they are ones we all respond to, if given the chance.

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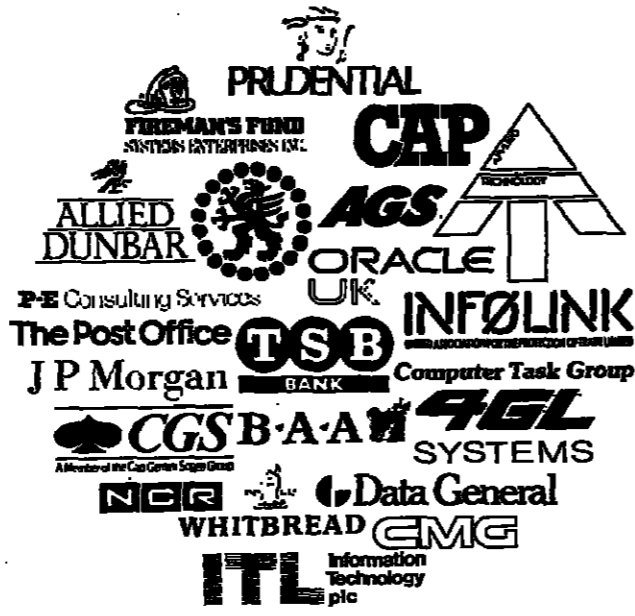
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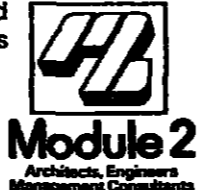
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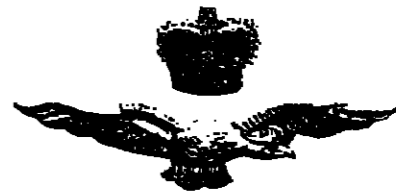
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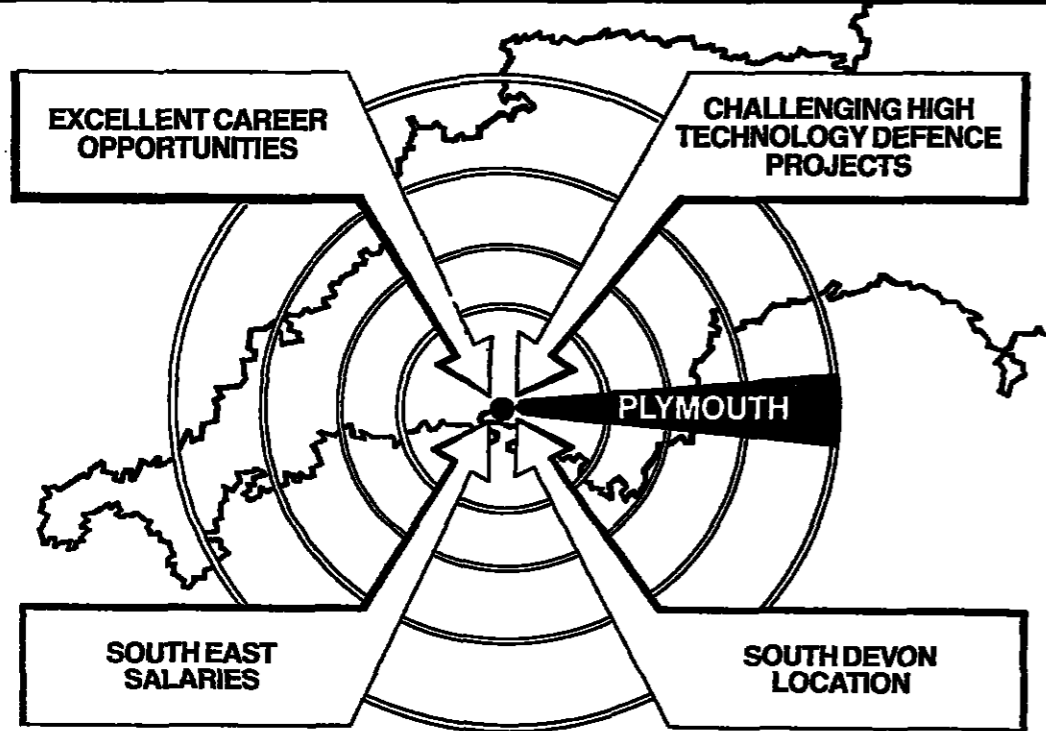
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London Recruitment Fair

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The London Recruitment Fair, to be held on July 1 and 2, is the most recent development in the ever-changing world of graduate recruitment. Careers Advisory Services of universities and polytechnics up and down the country have been running "summer fairs" since 1972, when Bradford University first staged one of these events.

These are informal affairs at which employers seeking graduate recruits take stalls and students move from one to the other seeking information, making comparisons and when they wish, making applications for the vacancies on offer. When they first appeared they were an addition to the traditional dash around the campuses which recruiters make in the spring, known as the "milkround".

The popularity of these events has increased dramatically in recent years and the reasons are not hard to find. They are ideal for students who don't want to get involved in seeking employment until after graduation and would rather see their studies successfully completed first. The fairs are always timed to take place immediately the ink is dry on final examinations. Employers use them both to top up the numbers already recruited to the desired level and to fill vacancies which may have arisen late in the season.

Graduate recruitment is an ever-changing scene. The traditional notion for a graduate job has broadened and organizations seeking the services of graduates are more numerous than they were in the past. Industrial recruiters, once the masters of the graduate employment market, are being replaced by those from the financial, retailing and other commercial sectors. Competition for the brightest and best of today's graduates is as healthy as ever.

This increased popularity of the fairs has not been without strain. These events have in the past been organized with meagre resources, held in premises most freely available but not necessarily suitable, and employers have been provided with the minimum facilities to both exhibit the opportunities they were offering and briefly interview would-be applicants.

At the London Recruitment Fair the University of London Careers Advisory Service has, for the first time, organized one of these events on an exhibition scale. When it opens at the Business Design Centre in Islington next week it will be housed in a large exhibition hall with all the facilities that such a location



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The hiring fair has returned in a more sophisticated form for employers and would-be graduate employees, says Neil Harris

Not only does it present an opportunity for this year's graduates from all over the country to obtain work, but it is also an exhibition of employment opportunities.

Those who have not yet completed their studies and are not currently seeking to begin their careers will have the chance to improve their knowledge of the vast array of work which will be available to them when they leave higher education. It also presents an opportunity to those graduates who are already employed but are now seeking their first job change to survey the graduate employment market once more.

With about 150 employers offering between them more than 3,500 jobs, the event should attract more than the 4,500 job seekers who attended the less spectacular version this time last year. Industry and commerce, finance, retailing and enterprise agencies will all be represented. Demand for graduates to work in electronics and computing, the food industry, banks, insurance companies and for chartered accountants is particularly strong and is reflected in the organization which will be present. In the public sector there will be stands representing parts of the civil service, including administration, research and engineering opportunities as well as work in finance and with the Inland Revenue. Some local government departments, the police and the Armed Forces will also be there.

Brian Steptoe, Director of the University of London Careers Advisory Service, says: "Many more employers now recognize the benefits of recruiting graduates, whom they regard as being generally more mature than school

leavers and possess more finely-honed intellectual and analytical skills. The output of graduates from our universities is now declining and innovative employers who are not hidebound by traditional attitudes to recruitment are finding new ways to exploit the graduate labour market."

The fair also offers something to graduates more interested in postgraduate study than immediate employment. Some institutions of higher education will be there offering places on their courses. Teacher training, business education, secretarial and engineering courses will all be on display.

Events of this kind present a rare opportunity to make direct comparisons between one prospective employer and another. It is unwise, however, to approach one of the employers directly about employment possibilities unless you are quite clear for what you are applying and what the work entails. Recruiters are not interested in applicants who seem to have little idea what kind of career they find attractive. Some careful preliminary research will pay dividends. Employers are also seeking graduates with a degree of self-confidence and well-developed interpersonal skills. "New graduates should not be unduly diffident when they approach employers. A positive and confident approach need not be an arrogant one. There are too few good people around so graduates can feel that they are in a strong position," says Brian Steptoe.

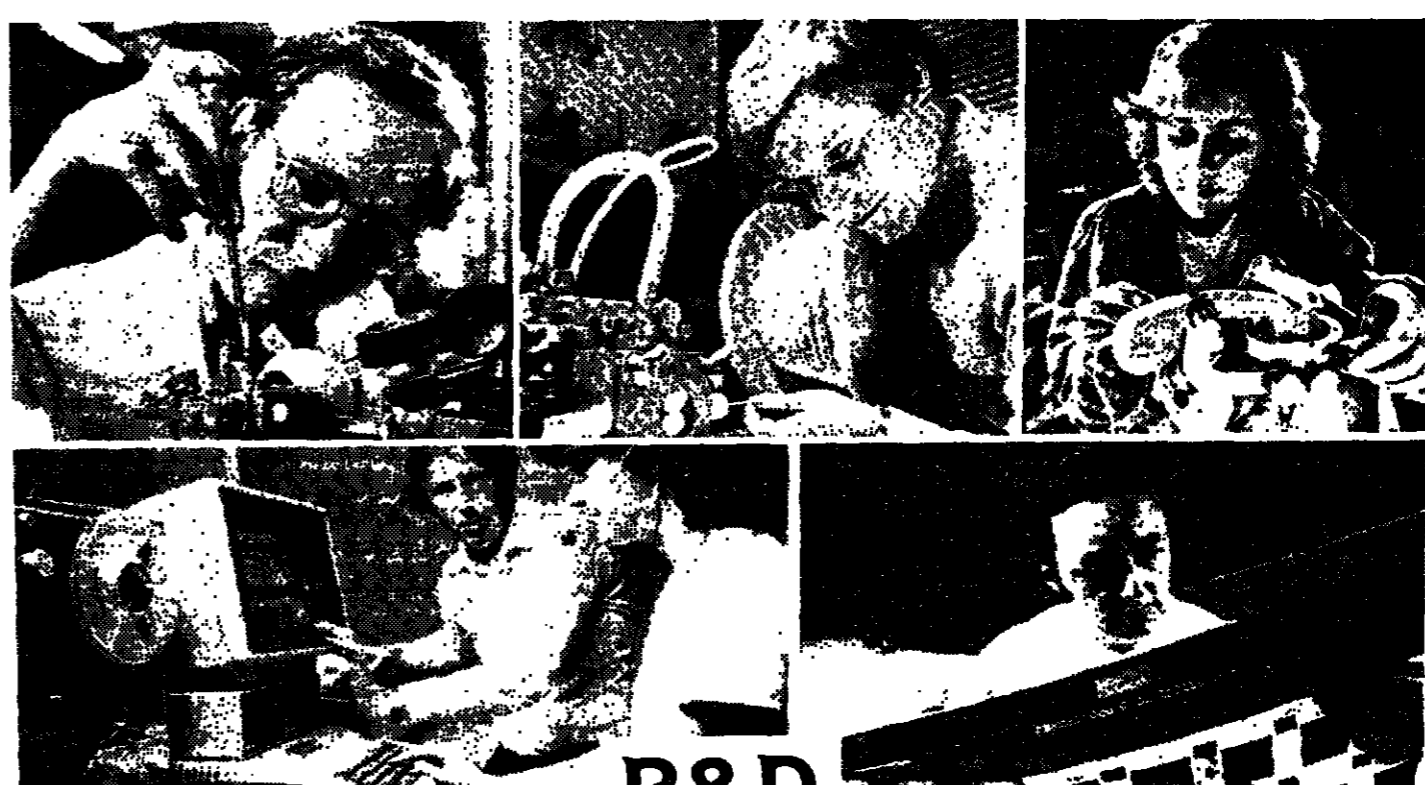
A useful aspect of this event is that information about numerous careers will be made available. Videos outlining what people do in a range of career areas are to be shown and careers advisers will be on hand to iron out any difficulties that participants are experiencing in the development or application of their ideas about career possibilities.

A valuable part of the fair is that free seminars are being given each day, designed to assist those graduates who need to improve their technique when it comes to making applications and preparing a curriculum vitae. Practical ideas for improving interview technique and so increasing the probability of getting that job when invited for interview, will also be included in the seminar programme.

The London Recruitment Fair is an experiment as far as university careers services are concerned. Its success, compared with the less ambitious fairs of recent years, will probably signal an upgrading next year of similar events held by other institutions of higher education up and down the country. As a means of bringing job seekers and recruiters together and providing an environment in which graduates can quickly make direct comparisons between one employer and another, it is without equal.

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Lewis is in a hurry to relax

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

For people to whom even the idea of running for a bus induces blurred vision, the concept of relaxing in a 100m sprint is as alien as Sylvester Stallone winning Mastermind. But "relaxing at speed" is what Carl Lewis reckons is going to take him back to beating Ben Johnson in the 100m, and successfully defending his world titles in Rome this summer. And that road begins today in San Jose, California, where Lewis competes in the 100m and 200m and long jump in the United States championships.

"Most people don't really understand how to relax. I can say that honestly, because if they did, then I wouldn't come running past them at the end of a race. The only time they relax is when they're out front, and they think, 'Hey, I'm winning'. Then they settle down, relax, and just run fast. But if they're in a close race, they try to run faster, and can't do it. And that's something about Ben, if someone were to run the first 60m with him, he'd be even worse than he is over the last 40m. In Sevilla, Ben didn't feel me there until the last five metres, and even then he panicked, instead of staying smooth and running through the tape."

Lewis was attempting to perform the equally difficult task of demolishing a plate of spaghetti in a Madrid restaurant a few days later, while talking as fast as he sprints. For the only trouble with that persuasive thesis about winning through relaxation was that Lewis had been beaten for the fourth successive time in the last 12 months by Johnson. The "Son of the Wind" had got blown away by the "Black Tornado".

Lewis was undeterred by this reality, for he had contested the result loud and long, and despite the evidence of the photo-finish to the contrary, still maintained that he had won. This is a popular phenomenon among cham-

pions, many of whom conveniently forget their loss in the 100m in 1985. But the Heard-Lewis face-off in the 200m this weekend is second only to the re-match between Edwin Moses and Danny Harris, the youngster who broke Moses's 10-year winning streak in the 400m hurdles in Madrid last month.

What may have been overlooked in the razzmatazz surrounding Moses's defeat after 122 consecutive wins was the superlative time of 19.92sec that Lewis ran in the 200m that night, one week after his 10.07sec 100m beat Ben Johnson. They are the fastest American times of the year, and his long jump should also reach 50 on the celebrated sky blue track at San Jose City College.

Brisco tries toeing a different line

Valerie Brisco, a triple gold medal winner at the 1984 Olympics, says she did it while running incorrectly (AP reports). "I am running on my toes more now. Brisco said: 'Before we used to rotate and land with my toes pointed up.' Her new style has not produced any startling results yet, although she has won all three of her 400m races this season, the only event she will compete in at the national championships.

physical and emotional shape. But I didn't recover from the trials until the Games. You can't do that two years in a row."

Yet, barring some catastrophe in San Jose in the next three days, and failure to qualify for the world championships to defend his 100m, long jump and relay titles, Lewis is going to do exactly the same. The only concession is that, like in Helsinki '83, he would not contest the 200m.

But he does intend to run that distance as well this weekend in what he calls "My favourite meet. I've won 14 titles, and only lost once, in the 200 last year, and I never should have run. The Eugene (in Oregon) turns were too tight, and we all played into Floyd Heard's hands. But it'll be different in San Jose, there's big turns there."

He had also conveniently forgotten his loss in the 100m in 1985. But the Heard-Lewis face-off in the 200m this weekend is second only to the re-match between Edwin Moses and Danny Harris, the youngster who broke Moses's 10-year winning streak in the 400m hurdles in Madrid last month.

What may have been overlooked in the razzmatazz surrounding Moses's defeat after 122 consecutive wins was the superlative time of 19.92sec that Lewis ran in the 200m that night, one week after his 10.07sec 100m beat Ben Johnson. They are the fastest American times of the year, and his long jump should also reach 50 on the celebrated sky blue track at San Jose City College.

"I can't catch Edwin. But this is by far the best shape I've ever been in, and that includes 1983 and '84 and the Olympics. I'm in better condition, and my attitude is better. TAC (the US champs) is important, with heats and qualifying, and the confidence of winning. And that's where I'm going to score over Ben in Rome. In a one-off race like Sevilla, he's difficult to beat. But with heats, I'm just going to get better and better."

"In order to beat me Ben's got to have an unbelievable start and hold on. Because I know I can stay with him, and he can't touch me in the last 40 metres."

Johnson's response to this sort of argument is as blunt and as forceful as his sprinting. And he has since done 10.02sec for 100m. But Rome leaves plenty of time for sharpening the spikes and muscles. And Lewis was closer in Sevilla (0.01sec) than he has been in any of the other defeats. And if he can concentrate his relaxation on his last 40m instead of in the blocks as well, then the talking will be no idle boast.



Front-running: Lewis wins a 60m sprint earlier this year

SPORTS LETTERS

Grounds for distress at Lord's

From Mr Frank Hart JP

Sir, All present at the Test match at Lord's on Thursday must have been impressed at the efforts of the ground staff to get the ground fit for play, what a contrast to the disappointment of Saturday!

After a previous blank day it would have been expected that every effort would have been made to make up for lost time. Extra whistles — one, two or three — would have made a lot of difference. There was no apparent sense of urgency. Long periods between pitch inspections players' lunch and tea taken at previously set times instead of during inactive times.

That the eventual starting time of 2.45 after several hours

of glorious sunshine was far too cautious was underlined by the fact that the players did not appear to have any difficulty in moving about the field.

Quite apart from the effect on the game itself, what is so distressing is the apparent disinterest the authorities have for the spectators, many of whom travelled long distances to get there and for whom the inconsiderable admission charge results in some sacrifice. Surely they should be given more consideration. They certainly were not last Saturday.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK HART,
11 The Mount,
St Leonards-on-Sea,
East Sussex,
June 21.

Tennis cast in a minor role

From Mr Edward Curzon-Howe

Sir, Whereas I would share the concern of your correspondent, Dr D. J. Ames (June 18), concerning bad behaviour in tennis or in any sport for that matter, I cannot share his consideration of tennis as "trubbish", and "pretty dreary", moreover, his suggestion for more cricket on TV instead of tennis is enough to send me asleep at the thought.

With more than 2,000 tennis clubs in this country it is probable that there are more people playing tennis than any other sport. This, in spite of the fact that national tennis receives no coverage on TV and international tennis (except Wimbledon) just a snippet at the end of a sports programme. Cricket, on the other hand, dominates our screens for the whole year... a sport that most of its time consists of people walking about chatting casually, bearing no comparison whatever to the tensions and drama and excitement of a top singles in tennis.

Please can we have a fair share of TV time for our great national game then perhaps we shall have the encouragement to be able to produce top players once again!

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD CURZON-HOWE,
73 Harcourt Terrace, SW10,
June 18.

Expensive aims

From Mr Blythe Backhouse

Sir, Before restoring the Priest Hill Centre (June 16), surely they should first find out why it has not been used. Could it be that the charges were too high for young people? Resurfacing the 20 tennis courts at an unbelievable £10,000 a time is an indication of future charges.

I think the centre is too big. My most enjoyable tennis has been on small club courts where members and management was carried out by members. Some of the keenest and best club tennis I have ever seen was in Australia, on very mediocre clay courts. Expensive tennis courts do not automatically make good players. The same probably applies in other sports.

Yours faithfully,
BLYTHE BACKHOUSE,
6 Park Road,
Wadebridge, Cornwall,
June 20.

Striking a discord in calculations

From Mr Ian Gordon

Sir, Mr Philip Webster (June 18) is not alone in seeing the absurdity of the traditional way of calculating batting averages. I remember realizing this in 1953, when the batting averages in the Australian tourists were headed not by Harvey, Hassett or Miller but by W. A. Johnston. He was clearly their weakest batsman and so went in at No. 11. Naturally, he was often "not out"; indeed, it happened that in 17 innings on the tour he was out only once. Having accumulated 62 runs (highest, 28 not out) he led the averages at that 102.

However Mr Webster's suggestion of simply dividing runs by innings (completed or not) is hardly an advance on what we have. A "not out" batsman might have been out next ball or might have scored many more runs. His innings has been

interrupted at an unidentifiable point; it was an unknown fact whether it might have been. A single such occurrence is unquantifiable; but a large random number of fractions averages out at exactly 0.5. For example I have been recalculating batting averages by allowing half an innings per "not out". This gives realistic results: e.g. W. A. Johnston 1953, 102 divided by (1+16 halves) 9, i.e. 11.33.

I am in no doubt that this method of mine has a logical statistical basis; it is easy enough to operate with a calculator if you like; and the outcome is realistic. Most important, it makes for fairer comparisons, which is the whole point of batting averages; yet the existing system fails to provide that.

Yours faithfully,
IAN GORDON,
Harley Place,
Aberdeen,
June 19.

The need to show greater restraint

From Commander H St A Malleon, RN (Ret)

Sir, I don't suppose I was the only television viewer who was, not for the first time, amazed at the very loose, if not casual, way in which Indian Skimmer were received at the unsanitary enclosure after her memorable victory in the French Oaks. The mob of photographers and other individuals bunched round her would have scared the average horse, let alone a highly trained thoroughbred, and it says vol-

umes for the filly's temperament that she shrugged it all off.

But I do think the French racing authorities ought to pull up their socks and institute some control over post-race proceedings and thus safeguard valuable racehorses and, of course, their owners and trainers' interest.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH MALLEON,
Bear House,
Dunbar, East Sussex,
June 16.

GOLF

Square-grooved clubs outlawed by USGA

San Francisco (AP) — Golfers will not be allowed to use most square-grooved clubs at United States Golf Association tournaments after 1989, the USGA announced yesterday.

The ruling has come in response to continuing controversy over the clubs, which allow players to put more spin on the ball and exert greater control over their shots than is possible with traditional clubs containing V-shaped grooves.

Tom Watson, who finished second in the United States Open on Sunday, has estimated that up to 90 per cent of touring professionals carry at least one or two square-grooved clubs in their bags.

The USGA has adopted a new method of measuring a club's grooves that will outlaw the most popular brand, made by Ping. Some square-grooved clubs would still be allowed

under the new ruling, but the USGA is studying those and may decide to ban them as well. A decision is expected by the end of the year.

The rule will come into effect at the 13 USGA-sponsored national tournaments starting in 1990. Other tournaments, including those on the PGA tour, will have the option to enforce the rule after January 1 next year.

The USGA has delayed the date of enforcing the ruling to give golfers time to adapt to traditional clubs.

The PGA usually follows rules adopted by the USGA, the governing body of golf in the United States, but a PGA official said no decision will be made until the association's policy board has had an opportunity to review the USGA's decision.

FISHING

Soviets join the effort to conserve salmon

By Conrad Voss Bark

The Soviet Union has joined the United States and Europe in the effort to conserve stocks of the Atlantic salmon. The announcement was made at a meeting of the 12-nation North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization in Edinburgh, during which the Soviet delegate was said to have made some "very good" and "useful" suggestions in debates on farm salmon and on high seas netting quotas.

Moderate progress was made on high seas catch quotas. Greenland was again restricted to a total catch of 850 tonnes but as the country's fishermen caught that amount in only eight days last season when salmon were abundant, the Greenlanders may apply for more next year. Agreement was reached with the Faroes that their fishing season would be reduced by about a month, that they would issue no new licences and that

their total catch would be 597 tonnes a year over the next three years.

However, the salmon themselves are behaving in their own inscrutable ways and have shifted their deep sea feeding grounds back to the Greenland coastal waters in large numbers after practically disappearing there a couple of years ago.

This inexplicable behaviour is noticeable, too, in Scottish rivers. Rod and line fishermen on the Dee were expecting a bumper season following the removal of nets but they haven't had it. What salmon there were have gone through to the upper beats, leaving the lower pretty empty of fish. And prime and expensive beats on the Grimmera and Tweed have reported blank weeks when there should not have been, which has caused a good deal of wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Court of Appeal Law Report June 25 1987 Divisional Court

Hirer's claim against owner of defective car

UCB Leasing Ltd v Holtom Before Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Balcombe [Judgment June 23]

Where a car supplied under a leasing agreement was not reasonably fit for the purpose for which it was supplied but the hirer had lost the right to reject it, he was entitled to claim damages against the owners, such damages being equal to the amount of the instalments due under the leasing agreement, subject to a deduction in respect of his use of the car.

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by the defendant, David Holtom, trading as David Holtom & Co, from a decision of Miss Assistant Recorder Gayle Hallon, sitting at Croxson County Court on October 28, 1986, whereby she had awarded the plaintiffs, UCB Leasing Ltd, damages of £8,732.

Mr Peter Irvin, who did not appear below for the defendant; Mr Edward Faulks for the plaintiffs.

extremely difficult to trace. It suffered a complete electrical failure on three occasions between August and December 1980. In addition there were from time to time less serious failures.

The defendant complained in a letter dated October 15, 1980 but continued to pay hire up to and including the instalment due on November 19, 1980. He paid no hire thereafter, but wrote further letters of complaint on December 9 and 23 and January 26, 1981.

The car was not returned to the plaintiffs until March 18, 1981, by which time it had been in the defendant's possession for seven months and had done nearly 8,000 miles.

The assistant recorder had found that it was by then too late for the defendant to reject the car. She had then considered the question of damages.

The plaintiffs' claim had been for £8,855 as the terminal rental due under the agreement. That was made up of the arrears due at the termination of the agreement on April 11, 1981 with interest and the balance of rental payments falling due after the termination of the agreement, less a discount for accelerated payment and the net proceeds of sale of the car.

The defendant had counterclaimed the return of all sums paid on the basis of total failure of consideration and

Limit to role of a person aggrieved

Birmingham District Council v McMahon and Others [Judgment June 24]

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Kennedy

A person could not be a "person aggrieved" under section 99 of the Public Health Act 1936 in relation to a whole building where the statutory nuisance of which he complained related only to the flat which he occupied.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing an appeal by case stated by Birmingham District Council against a decision of the Birmingham Stipendiary Magistrate that a statutory nuisance existed in Beale House a large block of flats in Ladywood, Birmingham.

The respondents were tenants of various separate dwelling units in the block and laid information that Beale House was in such a state as to be prejudicial to public health or a nuisance, contrary to section 92(1)(a) of the 1936 Act.

Mr Andrew Collins, QC and Mr John W. Haines for the appellants; Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Mr Roger Burridge for the respondents.

MR JUSTICE KENNEDY, giving the judgment of the court, said that the relevant defects which were found to exist were condensation and associated mould growth within the dwelling units. No defects were found to exist in the common parts of the building. A health risk to any individual arose from his or her occupation of a particular dwelling unit.

damages for inconvenience and stress.

The assistant recorder had allowed £500 for inconvenience and stress but disallowed the defendant's claim to recover the deposit and rentals paid, and after allowing for interest, had entered judgment for the plaintiffs for £8,732.

Since that comfortably exceeded the price of the car when new, and since there was a finding that the car was never fit for its purpose, it was not surprising that the defendant felt a sense of grievance.

Applying the principles laid down in *Chatterhouse Credit Co Ltd v Trully* [1983] 2 QB 683, it was convenient to break down the plaintiffs' claim into three periods: (i) from delivery until December 23, 1980; (ii) from December 23 to April 11, 1981, when the plaintiffs terminated the hiring; and (iii) from April 11 to September 1983 when the leasing agreement would have expired.

In relation to the first period it was conceded that the defendant was liable for damages for non-payment of the instalment which fell due on about December 19.

In relation to the second period the plaintiffs were entitled to damages equal to the unpaid instalments. But the defendant was entitled to the cost of hiring a similar car on similar terms, less the value of the use actually obtained.

The cost was to be arrived at by taking the actual cost of hiring the car in question from the plaintiffs. The net result was that the damages cancelled out, save for £50 which his Lordship would allow for the defendant's use of the car.

As to the third period, the plaintiffs were not entitled to damages at all, since the defendant was not in breach in relation to future instalments. Lord Justice Balcombe delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: A. Alexander & Co, Cranleigh; Mr A. T. G. Hooper, Warrington.

His Lordship rejected the respondents' contention that the

European Law Report Luxembourg

Equal treatment in social security benefits

Clarke v Chief Adjudication Officer Case 384/85

Before Judge T. F. O'Higgins, President of the European Chamber and Judges O. Due and K. Bahlmann Advocate General J.L. da Cruz Vilaça [Opinion June 4, 1987] [Judgment June 24]

Council Directive 79/7/EEC of December 19, 1978 on the progressive implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women in matters of social security (OJ 1979 No L6 p24) did not contain any derogation from the principle of equal treatment which authorised a member state to maintain the discriminatory effects of earlier provisions of national law beyond December 22, 1984, even where those effects arose from transitional provisions adopted at the time of the introduction of a new benefit.

In April 1983 Mrs Clarke was granted a pension on the basis of a condition concerning her ability to perform normal household duties which was imposed only upon married women.

That pension was abolished as from November 29, 1984 and replaced by a severe disablement allowance which was available to claimants of either sex on the same conditions with effect from November 29, 1985.

However, under certain transitional provisions, persons who were entitled to the pension were able to qualify automatically for the allowance, as from November 29, 1984, without having to show that they satisfied all of the new conditions for the granting of that new allowance.

determined entitlement to the old pension.

According to Mrs Clarke the effect of the transitional provisions was to perpetuate in respect of automatic entitlement to the new allowance, the discriminatory basis of entitlement to the old pension.

The social security commissioner hearing the appeal stayed the proceedings and referred a question on the interpretation of article 4(1) of the Directive to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held as follows:

The social security commissioner's question sought essentially to ascertain whether article 4(1) might be relied upon by individuals in a member state in order to prevent the extension beyond December 22, 1984, the date of the expiry of the period prescribed for the implementation of the Directive, of the effects of an earlier national provision inconsistent with article 4(1) and, if so, whether the women concerned acquired entitlement to benefits as from that date on the same conditions as men.

As the Court had held in its judgment of December 4, 1984 in Case 71/85, *The Netherlands v Federaat Nederlandse Vakbeweging* (The Times January 14, 1987), standing by itself and in the light of the objective and content of the Directive, article 4(1) was sufficiently precise to be relied upon in legal proceedings and applied by a court.

Furthermore, the Directive did not provide for any derogation from the principle of equal treatment laid down in article 4(1) in order to authorize the extension of the discriminatory effects of earlier provisions of national law.

had their origin in the fact that the conditions for entitlement to benefit were those which applied before that date. That was so notwithstanding the fact that those inequalities were the result of transitional provisions adopted at the time of the introduction of a new benefit.

It was also apparent from the aforementioned judgment that, as from December 22, 1984, women were entitled to be treated in the same manner and to have the same rules applied to them, as men who were in the same situation, since, when the Directive had not been implemented correctly, those rules remained the only valid point of reference.

In the present case, that meant it, as from December 22, 1984, a man in the same position as a woman was automatically entitled to the new provisions under the transitional provisions without having to re-establish his rights; a woman was also entitled to that allowance without having to satisfy an additional condition applicable before that date exclusively to married women.

On those grounds, the European Court of Justice (Second Chamber), ruled:

Article 4(1) of Council Directive 79/7/EEC of December 19, 1978 on the progressive implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women in matters of social security could be relied upon as from December 22, 1984, in order to prevent the extension beyond that date of the effects of an earlier national provision inconsistent with article 4(1).

In the absence of appropriate measures for the implementation of that article, women were entitled to be treated in the same manner, and to have the same rules applied to them, as men since, where the same situation, not been implemented, those rules remained the only valid point of reference.

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GOODWOOD

One of the sites of London that may yet bring a tear to the civic eye

The long, sad siege of Warren Farm

The head of an ILEA sports centre fears that his 101-acre site in Southall, west London, could become disused like Priest Hill, another playing-field complex which The Times revealed last week had lain idle for five years.

Ted Herbert, aged 59, head of Warren Farm, also said that 18 acres of the site had been little used since 1964, when he first began working at the centre.

"There is a political will to keep it going but ILEA does have financial constraints," he said. "The authority is heavily rate-capped. There is a lingering fear that it could become another Priest Hill."

The facilities at Warren Farm include 20 hard tennis courts, 13 cricket squares, 11 football and six rugby pitches, an athletics complex, pavilions and buildings.

Because of the cost and inefficiency of busing children from inner London boroughs to the centre, the number of schools using the site has dropped, a similar scenario to the other nine ILEA-owned sites on the outskirts of London, including Priest Hill in Ewell, which ILEA owned until 1984.

Now about 200 pupils visit the playing fields every day but Herbert says: "The num-

bers are more up and down than they used to be. We used to have 850 pupils a day using the site."

To compensate for the drop in the numbers of schools, Warren Farm has encouraged "dual use", getting local clubs and communities to use the playing fields, something that was never done at Priest Hill.

At the moment, six cricket clubs are using the centre, situated just north of the M4, at the weekends, but the lack of floodlighting, all-weather pitches and indoor facilities means that it is virtually empty on winter evenings.

Herbert says that the Government's inner-city initiative will bring some financial aid to the centre. "This serves an inner city and its population."

One slice of the area, sandwiched between a railway line and the canal, is desolate and is only occasionally used by children during cross-country runs.

Herbert points out that there were plans to use it for a horticultural project for children but this never came to fruition. He adds that it could be converted into six more football pitches while the adjacent canal which runs into the River Brent would be ideal for a water centre for rowing and canoeing.

An ILEA spokesman said

Yesterday: "Two years ago there was a report proposing closure of Warren Farm but this option has been ruled out. There is no comparison with the Priest Hill site."

He added: "There is going to be a report to the Development Committee shortly and there are various possibilities, including sharing arrangements with Ealing Borough Council."

Questioned about the spare 18 acres, he said: "We lacked the resources to develop the site. It would cost a lot of money. As a parcel of land it does not have a great possibility as a commercial proposition if it were to be sold off, partly because of its position between the canal and railway and partly because the only access could be through our site."

Herbert, although concerned for the future of the site, remains hopeful that the centre will continue to serve the community.

Asked how he would feel if it were closed, he replied: "I would wonder if I had spent the last 30 years usefully enough. I would see a lot of personal investment going down the drain. I think it has been a great service to London's schools and there would be a sense of sadness."

John Goodbody



Ted Herbert: man at the centre of an endangered complex (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

TENNIS

Fresh and dashing women cash in with interest

Pat Cash is a very silly man. Well, it needs no ghost from the grave to tell us that. But he chose to make his rather inopportune remarks about women's tennis just as the most interesting women's competition at Wimbledon for years was about to begin.

For the first time for ages there are factors beyond Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova to think about. For the first time for six Wimbledon, Martina might not win. We have fresh, young and altogether dashing new stars. This women's tournament could just turn out to be a hot one.

Miss Navratilova warmed up by utterly demolishing her opponent, Claudia Porvik, of West Germany, 6-1, 6-0. She seconds and won the last game of the match in 53 seconds, four consecutive winners on the return of serve. Awesome stuff. Last year, such a first-round performance was seen as an inevitable start of an inevitable progress to the championship. But at her back she always hears time's winged chariot hurrying near. And the chariot is driven by Steffi Graf, 18 and with a forehand like someone slamming a door in the face of Jehovah's Witness. She beat Miss Navratilova to win the French Open. Miss Navratilova said yesterday: "After the French I said I felt threatened by the young kids coming up and maybe they're better than I am."

"I've been bouncing back from so many losses this year," she continued. "But I'm not getting used to it. In fact, it seems tougher after every one." Miss Navratilova thinks that any one of six or seven as players could win this year. Someone will have to sweat for it this time. And bouncing Miss Graf, seeded to meet Miss



Navratilova in the final, is looking very good indeed: "I enjoyed every second of it," she said afterwards, grinning delightedly after an overwhelming performance in beating Adriana Panigra, of Argentina, 6-0, 6-2. She gives a little girlish skip of annoyance when she makes an error, but it is not something she has to do very often.

It is not just her. Gabriela Sabatini, Helena Sukova and others are queuing up to take pot shots at mighty Martina. Old hands like Pam Shriver wonder if they can get in ahead of the kids now that Miss Navratilova is looking less secure than ever before. "I'm still strong mentally and physically," Miss Navratilova said. "It's just a case of pretending that I'm not 30."

Simon Barnes

WIMBLEDON RESULTS

Following results were received too late for inclusion in yesterday's early editions. (Seeded players in capitals)

Men's singles

- First round
- S Zvonijevic (Yug) bt M Flur (US), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-0
- T Smith (Z) bt D Tyson (Aus), 6-4, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3
- P Cash (Aus) bt M Freeman (US), 6-0, 6-3, 6-2
- C Steyn (SA) bt C A Limberger (Aus), 6-3, 6-2, 6-4
- S Gammalva (US) bt N Odizer (Nig), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3
- G Gilbert (US) bt S M Bale (GB), 7-5, 6-4, 6-3
- J Hasek (Switz) bt J B Fitzgerald (Aus), 6-1, 6-4, 7-6
- C Parratis (It) bt J Grabb (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-7, 6-4, 6-3

Women's singles

- First round
- L M McNeill (US) bt M C Callega (US), 6-2, 6-3
- S Meier (WG) bt M L Platak (US), 6-0, 6-2
- A B Henningson (US) bt K R Keil (US), 6-2, 6-1
- G (US), 6-3, 6-3
- M Maledva (Su) bt H Kelesi (Can), 6-4, 6-2
- C Benjamin (US) bt N Bykova (USSR), 7-5, 6-4
- S Gales (Yug) bt C K Bassett (Can), 6-4, 6-6, 6-4

ROWING

An earlier Henley would bring elite

The absence of the majority of the British national squad from this year's Henley Royal Regatta remains a thorn in the flesh of many British supporters. There are hints that the opposition in Amsterdam this weekend, where the national squad will be competing, is in any case lukewarm compared to that which will be confronted at Lucerne a week later.

Indeed, many would like to see Henley held a week earlier, and even from Tuesday to Saturday, allowing body and soul to repair on the Sunday. This would bring the Royal Regatta more in step with the supposed two-week cycle followed by most European nations.

If Henley stepped back a week, there would be a greater chance of more top international crews entering its elite events, such as the Grand Stewards' and the Prince Philip. Henley's date, however, is fixed with British schools and colleges in mind. The dates set by the examination boards for schools would have to be adjusted even more than proposed next year for the idea of an earlier Henley to even germinate.

The Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup was designed for a 32-boat entry but has attracted only 12 entries this year, just two more than in 1985. The Special Race for Schools, introduced in 1974 for eights involved in examinations, has 23. Unfortunately, not even the great Royal Regatta can please everybody but it tries and thinking caps are on.

The Soviet Union's world-class team is expected to arrive at Henley on Monday and, according to Cont, will be billeted in "houses with very long beds". Harvard, who together with Ridley, of Canada, fought out the Grand with the Soviet Army eight, recorded an exceptionally fast time to earn the Henley trip in a desperate race in Cincinnati. Harvard only just beat Brown University, recording 5min 35sec over 2,000 metres.

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ATHLETICS

World records An inspiration under threat for the youth of Ulster

San Jose, California (Reuter) - Jackie Joyner, the world record holder, made an impressive start in her first heptathlon for almost 11 months on the opening day of the United States Athletics Championships. Scoring 4,130 points in the first four events on Tuesday, she was only 17 points behind the score she recorded last August when setting her world record of 7,158 points at Houston.

The meeting, which ends on Saturday, is the American qualifying event for several competitions, including the World Championships in Rome from August 29 to September 6 and the World University Games in Zagreb from July 13 to 19.

On Saturday, the world 400 metres hurdles record books likely to be threatened when Moses and Danny Harris have a much anticipated rematch. Harris, who ended Moses's run of 123 races without defeat in Madrid on June 4, has predicted that he will need to run under 47 seconds to defeat Moses.

Moses, whose world record of 47.03sec has stood since August 1983, has made it clear he wants to improve that record now that the longest succession of victories in men's athletics history is at an end.

Mary Peters knows only too well the problems that once faced young athletes in Ulster. Tracing the golden path to Olympic glory in Munich almost 15 years ago, she worked out on a cinder track in North Belfast and at a gymnasium in the centre of the city (George Aher writes).

Today, things are very different for the sport's youngsters in the Province. There are two synthetic tracks - one named after Mrs Peters - and a top class European permit track, which is now held annually in the Province.

The Northern Ireland team is stronger than ever. Commonwealth Games medal winners, Phil Beattie, Martin Givran and Janet Boyle, will be in action and Janet Boyle will be the Ulster squad and also included in the British team. This is the sort of inspiration you get your young athletes from, especially if you are an up-and-coming athlete." Mrs Peters said.

FOOTBALL

Gould the Plough Lane pick

By Ian Stafford

Bobby Gould will become the manager of Wimbledon today after meeting the Plough Lane club's managing director, Sam Hammam, and the chairman, Stanley Reed, yesterday. Gould, who has been in charge at Bristol Rovers since May, 1985, returned from holiday and immediately met the Wimbledon board to make final the discussions.

The move will surprise the Bristol Rovers board of directors because Gould still has one year of his contract to serve.

● Charlton Athletic have signed Steve McKenzie, the West Bromwich Albion midfielder player, for £200,000, subject to a medical. McKenzie, 25, returns to London, where he started his career with Crystal Palace.

● Dave Bassett, the Watford manager, last night confirmed that Gerry Francis, the former England captain, will provide extra coaching on a part-time basis at Vicarage Road. Francis had helped the coaching staff last season at Wimbledon, Bassett's previous club.

● Halifax have been saved from the threat of liquidation after agreeing a deal with the Llandudno Revenue to settle their debts of £122,000, later approved by the club's shareholders.

GOLF

England calling the tune in chase for European crown

From John Hennessy, Munich, Austria

The Styrian hills were alive with the sound of club on ball yesterday as 114 players set off in pursuit of the European team championship, at present held by Scotland. But it was the auld enemy who set such a blistering pace that the computer forecasted their victory in the stroke-play section of the competition.

Not that you needed a computer to calculate that England were collectively five under par by the time each country had returned their six cards (five to count). Jeremy Robinson scored 69, three under par for the Munich Golf and Country Club course. Roger Roper 70

and Peter McEvoy 72, Germany were second at two under par, Ireland fourth. Scotland joint fifth and Wales seventh. Only the top eight teams will be able to contest the match-play championship stage from tomorrow to Sunday.

Both Robinson, the English stroke-play champion, and Roper established their positions with three successive birdies. Turning in level par, Robinson hit an eight-iron to four feet at the 11th, dropped a wedge dead at the next and plundered the 13th with a superb three-iron to eight feet. Roper used his exceptional length to reel in his birdies. He

went boldly for the eighth green off the tee requiring a carry of 230 yards over out-of-bounds, and subdued both the ninth (533 yards) and 10th (554 yards) with driver and three-wood. It had fallen to Colin Montgomerie to strike the first blow of the championship for Scotland and embarrassment abounded when he struck it 20 yards into a tree. Unperturbed, he played the remaining 6,998 yards in level par.

LEADING SCORES: 21st: England J J Robinson, 21st: Sweden 21st: Ireland J McHenry 70, N Anderson 73, G Montgomery 73, S Scuderi 74, M Helgen 72, C Montgomery 73, G Shaw 74, 22nd: Spain W Wood 71, P Mayo 73, P Price 77, 23rd: Iceland.

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HOCKEY

Lyn enables Canada to recapture some pride

From Joyce Whitehead, Amsterdam

The Canadian women's team lifted themselves and best New Zealand 5-0 in the ISB World Cup last year and their results yesterday have not been comparable.

Sandra Lee, a Jamaican with Canadian citizenship, opened the scoring in the tenth minute. Lee has great potential but lacks international experience.

Lisa Lyn scored three goals, her first putting Canada two ahead when she converted a penalty stroke after a penalty corner when the ball eluded the

New Zealand goalkeeper and hit a defender on the goal line. Miss Lyn went on to score two more after the interval with shots at penalty corners and Nancy Charlton, the captain, added the fifth.

The Great Britain men's team, with three matches to play, can win a medal in the ninth Champions Trophy tournament, which ends in Amsterdam on Sunday. Their three remaining fixtures are against Argentina today, The Netherlands tomorrow and Pakistan on Sunday.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Germany	4	3	0	1	0	1	11
Australia	4	3	0	1	0	1	11
Great Britain	4	2	1	1	0	1	9
Pakistan	4	1	0	3	4	1	4
Soviet Union	4	0	1	3	4	2	4
Spain	4	0	0	4	4	1	0

FOOTBALL

Woolmark Order of Merit: 1. D. Dwyer (GB), 175.824; 2. I. Dwyer (GB), 175.824; 3. A. Dwyer (GB), 175.824; 4. V. Dwyer (GB), 175.824; 5. L. Dwyer (GB), 175.824; 6. S. Dwyer (GB), 175.824; 7. P. Dwyer (GB), 175.824; 8. M. Dwyer (GB), 175.824; 9. J. Dwyer (GB), 175.824; 10. K. Dwyer (GB), 175.824.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 5, Milwaukee Brewers 5; New York Yankees 2, Baltimore Orioles 1; Toronto Blue Jays 6, Detroit Tigers 7; Chicago White Sox 4, Los Angeles Angels 3; Cleveland Indians 6, Kansas City Royals 4; St. Louis Cardinals 3, Houston Astros 2; San Francisco Giants 1, San Francisco Giants 1.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES: Merit Bristol 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

CRICKET

WARWICK UNDER-25 COMPETITION: Warwick 159, Warwick 159, Warwick 159, Warwick 159, Warwick 159, Warwick 159, Warwick 159, Warwick 159, Warwick 159, Warwick 159.

EQUESTRIANISM

AACHEN HORSE SHOW: German national team 1st, German national team 2nd, German national team 3rd, German national team 4th, German national team 5th.

OTHER SPORT

WIMBLEDON: The Championships, 8.15, 1.30, 10.10 pm. 8.15, 1.30, 10.10 pm.

YACHTING

A night to remember

With the departure of the joint-favourites, Kariotis (dis-masted just after the start) and the Australian-entered Formula 40 Castleman XXXX (retired because of rudder failure off the Mull of Galloway), the way was cleared for the Merseybeast to come through on the final leg from Ravensglass to Fort William and win the Fjallavinnur, Three Peaks Race yesterday (Malcolm McKeag writes).

Merseybeast arrived after a night of frustrating calms and miserable weather over most of the 235-mile leg at 05.35, giving her runners the luxury of time to be up and down Ben Nevis almost an hour-and-a-half before the second boat, Memech, had even docked.

RESULTS: 1. Merseybeast, 3 days 18hr 13min; 2. Memech, 3 days 20hr 41min; 3. The Fjallavinnur, 3 days 22hr 32min; 4. Ben Nevis, 3 days 24hr 30min; 5. Three Peaks Race, 3 days 26hr 30min; 6. Bolton and Addis (Third Degree), 3 days 28hr 30min.

SHOW JUMPING

Piquet scores outdoors

From a Special Correspondent, Aachen

The Grosser Preis von Europa, the first jumping competition to be held outdoors during the fortnight Aachen horse show, was won by Jean-Claude Vangeneben on Piquet, when he went clear in the jump-off to defeat Patrice Delavauze on Laeken.

He was third in the Lucerne Grand Prix, in conditions almost as bad as those in Aachen, and most of that knew he could afford a steady round after the Frenchman had dropped both the first and last fences. These two were the only riders clear during the competition, which was interrupted by a thunderstorm.

No British riders had qualified to take part in the Grosser Preis, but they made up for it

slightly during the morning competition which, like all of Tuesday's, was held in the indoor riding school. Three of the 17 into the barrage, from 70 starters, were in the team.

John Whitaker was the best of them with Next Gammon, which was only Grade B when leaving Britain. Whitaker brought him here intending to give him experience of the natural obstacles to the main ring, and this fifth place was an unexpected bonus.

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CRICKET: BUCKINGHAMSHIRE TRIUMPH OVER SOMERSET BUT NO SUCCESS FOR THE OTHER MINOR COUNTIES IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE NATWEST TROPHY

Edwards pick of eleven Bucks heroes

By Marcus Williams

HIGH WYCOMBE (Somerset won toss): Buckinghamshire beat Somerset by seven runs. Buckinghamshire became the fifth minor county to defeat their first-class brethren in 60-over cricket when they won an enthralling NatWest Trophy encounter against Somerset by seven runs here yesterday. They scored only 154 on a slow, grassless pitch but then bowled and fielded splendidly, so that Somerset never recovered from losing their first four wickets, including Crowe, for 21.

Thanks to a fighting 56 from Richard Bartlett, aged 20, an England Young Cricketer in only his second senior innings of the season, Somerset had got to within 21 runs of their target with four wickets and 20 balls remaining. However, he was bowled driving at Burrow and in the next over Harman was run out by the captain, Hames's throw as panic set in and the batsmen ignored the old adage about not running for a misfield.

Ten runs were still needed when Mallerender was leg-before to the last ball of the 59th over and though Burns and Jones each managed singles off the first two balls of the last over, Burns slashed the next two for Black to cover and the minor county's joy was complete.

Trevor Bailey, the man of the match adjudicator, counted all 11 Buckinghamshire bowlers, but singled out Edwards, aged 36 the previous day. Coming in at 98 for six, Edwards scored an invaluable 25 not out and then, bowling a nagging left-arm medium pace in a remarkable opening stint with the quicker, right-arm Booden, they delivered 24 overs off the reel which produced figures of 4-10-26-4.

The tactic of bowling two right through was new to those who follow the first-class

Essex held together by steady Gooch

By Richard Streeton

JESMOND: (Northumberland won toss). Northumberland, with seven wickets in hand, need 219 runs to beat Essex. Essex reached a formidable 247 for eight, a larger total than they scored in any one time, when their first round NatWest Bank Trophy match with Northumberland began yesterday. Rain and had limited the day and Northumberland lost three wickets when they went in with an hour left.

The light was worsening again when Northumberland started their innings and Foster and Page bowled at times. It was the South African who made the first breakthrough when he had Dreyer caught behind in the tenth over.

Then the uncapped Topley, who performed so well against Yorkshire earlier in the week, stepped into the limelight once again. Topley replaced Page and with his first ball he had Pearson leg-before. He followed by dismissing Gillespie, New Zealand fast bowler, leg-before with the first ball of his second over and when play ended had taken two for 10 in four overs. Northumberland have 40 overs left when the match resumes today and the odds must heavily favour Essex to repeat their first round win here last year.

A claim, assured 76 by Gooch, never moved into top gear but drove and pushed runs steadily when a start was possible after lunch. He dominated a useful first wicket stand which ended immediately after Foster joined Pringle. The Lancashire batsman hit Stephenson gave Corby the first of three good catches he took behind the wicket.

Wickets fell regularly after this and Essex were only 169 for six from 49 overs when Foster joined Pringle. The Lancashire batsman hit Stephenson gave Corby the first of three good catches he took behind the wicket.

Old, the former England bowler who delivers the ball these days from his tenth running stride, and Younger, a left-arm spinner, also played their part.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE: **W** T Gadsby b Mather b B. Jacques 31; **S** Lawrence b Holding 10; **J** M A. Gadsby b Warner 31; **T** Jones b Mather b B. Jacques 2; **R** Turner b Mather b Warner 7; **C** Leithbridge b Mather b Warner 1; **B** Mather b Turner b Warner 1; **D** C. Gadsby b Mather b Warner 1; **A** P. 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Leading ladies in a rush to show their dominance

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The leading ladies of Wimbledon threw their weight about in yesterday's first-round matches. They had been kept waiting and leading ladies do not like that.

Porwik was heading for the 16 points to her name. Miss Navratilova had runs of 10 and 13 consecutive points.

hint of conceit. "Today I had no problems with anything. I was playing very well and felt good out there. I hope it is not coming too early."

Sara Gomer, taking only 11 points from each set, fell into her familiar role as Miss Evert's practice partner.



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Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert lost only one game each and Steffi Graf lost only two. Pam Shriver conceded three and Helena Sukova five.

could provide her with only 42 minutes of match-play.

Ken Woolcott, the athletics coach, was a particularly well-qualified admirer of Miss Graf's mobility - on what should have been an alien surface.

Miss Porwik, aged 18, is almost 5ft 11in tall and a natural athlete. She also looked a promising tennis player when she gave Miss Navratilova a good match in Paris last year.

Leconte's opponent yesterday was Andre Agassi, of Las Vegas, aged 17, who was chiefly remarkable for an imaginative two-tone haircut.

Euphoria delayed after Bates wins

By David Powell

Jeremy Bates won a singles match at Wimbledon for the first time in five attempts yesterday. He became the third British man in the first round to upset the rankings but it is premature to talk of a national revival.

They tend to have an infinity with such non-conformists as Pernfors and some of them went so far as to appear in public with the Swedish flag painted on their faces.

Britain's other winner, Stephen Shaw, who swept the more highly ranked American, Todd Witsken, out of his path, now meets Jimmy Connors, the seventh seed who defeated him, albeit in a close match, at Queen's a fortnight ago.

Bates defeated Peter Fleming, the former world No. 8 and seven times a men's doubles finalist at Wimbledon, by winning all three sets on tie-breaks.

Of the British women, Anne Hobbs beat Wiltrud Probst, of West Germany, as she was supposed to and Lisa Gould, of Essex, aged 20, beat Cammy McGregor, of California, which made nonsense of their respective world ranking.

Bates, the British No. 2, and Andrew Castle, the No. 1, are only a win or two away from meeting the top two seeds, Boris Becker (for Bates) and Ivan Lendl (for Castle).

From plummeting to his "all time low" in April, Bates has restored his confidence with the help of Warren Jacques, Kevin Curran's coach and one of the candidates for the position of Britain's new full-time national coach.



Straightforward: Mayotte heads for a straight-sets win over Fleurian, of France, yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Rontledge)

Connors stays wealthy and wise

By David Miller

The executive sporting world is an odd phenomenon. It does not really matter what the Centre Court programme is nowadays because more than half the ticket holders do not turn up for the first couple of hours. They are in the hospitality tents.

It has taken Connors most of those 15 years to reach temperamental equilibrium. This is a common effect of fatherhood. He admitted as much after winning 6-1, 7-6, 7-6.

knock-out and the focus of the zoom lenses. The public does not see the meaningless hours spent in the locker room or commuting in planes from Tokyo to Paris to Buenos Aires.

It was the standing enclosure that were packed solid for Jimmy Connors, following the brief appearance of the ladies' champion in the opening match. The man who has been spectacularly pounding the ball, the opposition, and too often the linesmen, for the past 15 years, had played 12 games against Marty Davis yesterday before there was a spectator in the royal box, at which point the Duchess of York became a momentary

"I have three roads to choose from these days, a player, a family man or a businessman," he said afterwards. But he will not be recommending the game to his young son or daughter. "Tennis is not natural, it is not normal for the human body," he said, talking of today's inter-continental schedules. The glamour is all very well.

Connors has never been an artist so much as an enthusiast. "I just like the game," he says in explanation of his survival at the top until the age of 34. "It keeps me healthy, wealthy and wise."

When his game is singing, as it was yesterday, he hit the ball full-bloodedly off the middle, with the noise of someone beating a carpet, the way you wish you could play in the public parks; whack, whack, whack, as though he dislikes the ball.

YESTERDAY'S WIMBLEDON RESULTS

Table listing tennis results for yesterday's Wimbledon matches, including Men's singles, Women's singles, and Doubles.

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Underwood heads record changes

By Geoffrey Wheeler

In much rewriting of the record books in yesterday's NatWest Trophy first-round games, pride of place went to the evergreen Derek Underwood, Kent's former England left-arm spin bowler, who routed Scotland for 74 on a drying pitch at Edinburgh.

NatWest reports and scoreboards, page 43 was virtually unplayable thereafter. Kent, in turn, lost their top four batsmen for 29 before the Cowdrey brothers hurried them to a six wickets victory.

Replacements improve team

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

The British team for the European 400 metres championship, stepped in as replacement. Redmond incurred a slight hamstring pull in training on Tuesday night, and Black, who was already going to Prague as a member of the relay team, agreed to do the individual race as well.

As Frank Dick, the national director of coaching, points out, even with two major withdrawals, the British men's team is now stronger than it was at the start of the week. The selectors have strengthened their women's sprint relay squad by adding Mary Berkeley and Pipa Windle, and have called up Dawn Gandy for the 4 x 400 relay.

END COLUMN

England plan to stop the world

By Minhaz Merchant

Editor of Sterling Newspapers of India

When the International Cricket Conference (ICC) meets tomorrow in London, it will have more than cricket on its mind.

The World Cup, to be held later this year in India and Pakistan, may be jeopardized by the controversy between the West Indies Cricket Board and the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) over the West Indians' determination to raise the issue of South Africa at the meeting.

This is the view, it is believed in India, that the TCCB and its chief executive, Alan Smith, would be quietly happy to promote.

The strategy serves a purpose: to divide the black cricketing nations - the West Indies on the one side, India and Pakistan on the other - by hinting that if the West Indies push their point too hard tomorrow, England (and, as a consequence, Australia and New Zealand) might find themselves unable to take part in the World Cup.

Thus, the TCCB hopes that India and Pakistan will vote against the West Indies board in the interests of a turbulence-free World Cup.

This is the first time that the World Cup is being held outside England. There is the feeling in Indian cricketing circles - wholly misplaced, I hope - that the TCCB is not overjoyed at the prospect of losing its monopoly on the event. And if Australia, the West Indies and others insist as they will - on holding subsequent cups - England's own turn might not come again for the remainder of this century.

A pat solution to the problem

There is thus scope for believing that English cricket officialdom might welcome a bit of controversy before this year's World Cup in India and Pakistan.

The pat solution: in future, to avoid such unnecessary and time-wasting acrimony, fix England as a permanent venue for the World Cup. The West Indies proposal has therefore come, in a sense, at just the right time.

The West Indies board, for its part, says it merely wishes to extend the scope of the Glenageary Agreement on sporting contact with South Africa. If, it argues, sportsmen are to be barred under Glenageary from playing in South Africa in their official capacity, then they should also be barred from coaching there.

The TCCB's well-known stance of course, is that English players coaching in South Africa must be free to earn their livelihood in the winter and that (in case anyone thinks that is being a shade too mercenary) they, anyway, coach players of all races.

It further states that any attempt to impose restrictions on England's choice of World Cup players will constitute intolerable interference and is therefore unacceptable. There is merit in this stand, as indeed there is in the West Indies' position.

The issue we need to look straight in the eye is the TCCB's apparent - I hope I am wrong - efforts to use the Indo-Pakistan World Cup as a bargaining instrument tomorrow. That is a tactic which should not be attempted, for it will not succeed.

Taking politics out of sport

India and Pakistan will stand by the West Indies on the South Africa issue irrespective of Smith's tantalizingly veiled statement of last week: "I wouldn't put my last penny, or the board's last penny, on it, but I think the World Cup will take place."

By putting pressure on the Government of South Africa - and banning all cricketing contact with that country is one of many such ways in which pressure can and should be applied - there is a chance, however slim, but one that must be taken, of exercising politics from sport and making South Africa a truly multi-racial society.

Coaching players of all races, as England's winter cricketers conscientiously do, will not stop apartheid (though it will produce good coloured cricketers for English countries). Banning all sporting contact with South Africa may not stop apartheid, either. But it will make it more difficult and less pleasant to practise it.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Davies not for League: Jonathan Davies, the Welsh fly half, who has just returned home from the World Cup, says he will not make a hasty decision about where he will play next season. Mendis again: Colombo (Reuter) - Duleep Mendis was named Sri Lanka's captain for the World Cup cricket tournament in India and Pakistan later this year. Ibrox ban: Rangers have banned two of their supporters from Ibrox. Games offer: Indianapolis (AFP) - Indianapolis is the latest city to offer to host the 1988 Olympic Games if civil unrest in South Korea forced the International Olympic Committee to move the Games away from Seoul.